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EDITORIAL

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THE FOLLY IN TURNER VALLEY

According to the estimate of Eugene Coste, a mining engineer of wide experience in this Province, the wastage of gas in the Turner Valley oil field, consequent upon oil development, may be estimated at \$1,000,000 a day. He admits that the price of 50 cents per thousand cubic feet upon which he bases his estimate is high, but as it is also based on a minimum of waste, contends that it is fair. In other words, there is dissipated every year in illuminating the night skies of Southern Alberta, natural wealth nearly equal in value to an average wheat crop in the three Prairie Provinces. The loss is in any event many times as great as the total value of the oil produced—for production, Mr. Coste estimates, does not exceed \$25,000 a day.

In this issue we publish an article by Arthur J. Cantin, who deals with the prodigal waste in the Turner Valley field, and submits authoritative evidence to show that the escaping gas, if it were harnessed in power development, would be sufficient to meet all the requirements of a population of more than five millions. Incidentally he presents a case for development under public ownership which appears to us convincing.

To allow the squandering of an irreplaceable natural asset to continue unchecked would be criminal folly. The loss due to a reckless and shortsighted policy—or lack of policy—is already incalculable. It would have been far better to have postponed development of the oil field for a generation, or to have confined production for the time being to a few wells—utilizing fully all gas released in the process of oil abstraction—than to have permitted waste on the present colossal scale. The oil and gas resources of the world are believed to be very limited. According to some authorities the supply is likely to decline seriously within a generation, even if the rate of exploitation be not accelerated. Under such circumstances, a wise community would adopt conservation as its watchword, seeing to it that waste should be entirely eliminated.

Control of Alberta's natural resources remains today a Federal responsibility. Premier Brownlee for some time past has been in consultation with the Ottawa Government with a view to devising some means of utilising the waste gas, and it is reported that plans to deal with the problem are now being formulated. We hope that a solution will soon be found. Private initiative has created the problem, but has contributed nothing to its solution. Nor can it be dealt with, as many others may be, by voluntary co-operation, for it would be madness to brook avoidable delay. No industrial or commercial interest and no legal impediment that can be removed, should be allowed to prevent the application of a policy of the strictest conservation. Past wastage cannot be made good; but it is possible to follow a sane course in future. And we believe that, conjoined with conservation, the people of Alberta in overwhelming numbers would approve of the utilization of whatever gas must otherwise be wasted, in power development under public ownership.

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IMMIGRATION

Complete suspension of activities by the Dominion Government and the railways and other agencies in the promotion of immigration, particularly of farm immigration, is clearly called for by the prevailing situation in Canada. Assisted immigration should no longer be tolerated. The elevation of the Minister of Immigration to the Senate should be followed by the elimination of the Ministry. Such routine matters as must be attended to can properly be included among the responsibilities of another department.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Tour of Peace River, South

H. Critchlow, Director for Peace River South, has just completed an organization trip in company with D. M. Kennedy, M.P. "We found a greater interest in the U.F.A. than ever before," he writes, "and were successful in organizing two new Locals and in reviving several that were inactive or nearly so. The weather turning mild, we were unable to cross the McLeod River and attend the meeting at Mahaska, and this necessitated a long trip around in order to get to our next meeting at Anselmo."

In Vegreville Constituency

W. R. McGowan, U.F.A. Director for Vegreville, and M. Luchkovich, M.P., have recently addressed meetings at Ryley, Josephsburg, Partridge Hill, Good Hope, and Tofield. Mr. McGowan also addressed a meeting of Birch Lake Local, accompanied by A. M. Matheson, M.L.A., who dealt with the new School Act, and W. Hayhurst, principal of the Vegreville High School, who spoke on applied psychology. Mr. Matheson spoke at the Ryley meeting, and R. Hennig, M.L.A., was present at the Josephsburg meeting. Mrs. McNaughton, U.F.W.A. Director, joined the party for the Good Hope meeting. The Josephsburg, Good Hope and Tofield meetings were attended by particularly good crowds, though the series as a whole was quite successful.

Lac Ste. Anne Convention

The proposed new School Act was the subject of a long discussion at the annual convention of Lac Ste. Anne U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association, held in Edmonton on November 28th. Three of the resolutions submitted dealt with this matter and, in his report to the delegates, M. C. McKeen, M.L.A., dealt with it comprehensively. The convention expressed its approval of the principle of the flat rate of taxation; another resolution stated the need for improvement in the present system of rural education, and asked the Provincial Government to continue their efforts to that end. Hon. George Hoadley gave a very interesting talk on the Hospital Act and on general health problems.

Officers elected were: W. Turnbull, president; J. Hathaway, vice-president; J. H. Jackson, secretary.

Meetings in Wetaskiwin

Since October 15th some thirty meetings have been held throughout Wetaskiwin constituency, some of them at points not previously reached, says a report from H. G. Young, Director for the constituency. "Wm. Irvine, M.P., spoke at all of these and Mrs. Ross, U.F.W.A. Director, and myself took part in nearly all. D. C. Breton, M.L.A., for Leduc, attended all meetings in his riding. Mr. Haskins of Clive also gave considerable assistance. These meetings were held under the auspices of the Federal con-

Call Issued to the Twenty-second Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta

The call to the twenty-second Annual Convention, to be held in Calgary, January 21st to 24th inclusive, has been forwarded to all U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals. Copies of the financial statement and of a group of resolutions to come before the convention were also mailed, as well as credential cards. The number of credential cards mailed to each Local was based on the paid-up membership as at December 6th. Full instructions to delegates and visitors with regard to special railway fare and other matters are included in the call. The Convention will be held in the Central United Church.

Joint Locals are reminded that if they have five or more women members they are entitled to send a delegate to the U.F.W.A. Convention.

stituency association and, except for a few places where the advertising was not well done, good attendance was the rule, and the response was quite encouraging. Several Locals were organized or re-organized, and in other places some spade-work was done which will probably result in organization later. In all these meetings the aim has not been for spectacular results, but to build on an enduring foundation, and I feel that something at least has been accomplished.

"On the whole, I feel that while our membership is not at all what it should be (and no effort must be spared to rouse the farm people to realize their responsibility in this connection) the real vital spirit of the U.F.A. movement is stronger than ever."

News of U.F.A. Locals

Round-up U.F.A. Local has recently been organized in the Dapp district, with eight paid up members. Geo. I. Butchers is secretary.

Shepard U.F.A. Local has decided to erect a new U.F.A. Hall, to cost \$3,000. Of this amount \$1500 has already been subscribed.

"Our Local, although small, is doing very well, members being very much interested," reports J. G. Dussault, secretary of Vimy U.F.A. Local.

I. V. Macklin recently organized a new Local near Wembley, in Peace River constituency. The name chosen for the Local is "Aspen Ridge" and the officers are R. S. Young and James Smith.

Valhalla U.F.A. Local was organized by I. V. Macklin, U.F.A. Director, recently, with P. A. Nepstad and C. M. Homeland as officers. This Local is in the Hythe district, in Peace River.

C. Maxey, in charge of the organization meeting of Golden Meadow U.F.A. Local was elected its first president, and W. S. Trider is the secretary. This Local is near Whitelaw, in the Peace River constituency.

Olds U.F.A. Local held a very successful turkey dinner on November 15th, some fifty members and friends attending, reports J. C. Dawson, secretary. A. Speakman, M.P., and Mrs. Hepburn, U.F.W.A. Director, spoke.

Gemle U.F.A. Local held meetings on the third Monday of each month, reports the secretary, Henry S. Anderson. The program committee has arranged a program for each evening, following the business meeting, and the ladies always serve lunch.

Practically everyone in the immediate district belongs to Teepee Creek U.F.A. Local, reports W. A. Adair, secretary, and the meetings are well attended. "During the past year we have bought coal and twine co-operatively and at some saving."

G. G. Coote, M.P., H. B. McLeod, U.F.A. Director, and Gordon Walker, M.L.A., recently addressed a public meeting under the auspices of Rocky Coulee U.F.A. Local, dealing with their respective fields of labor. J. G. Parker was chairman, and delicious refreshments were served by the ladies.

Carseland U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. held the first of a series of joint meetings recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Melendy. Separate business meetings were held, the two Locals joining forces for cards, lunch and visiting afterwards. The U.F.W.A. Local made plans for entertaining delegates to the Namaka District convention.

The resolution passed by Broadview U.F.A. Local which was printed in a recent issue contained a typographical error. The resolution should have read as follows: "Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Broadview Local, demand that applications for loans be considered on their individual merit, with no restricted boundaries."

Eleven tables of whist were played at a whist drive recently held by Namaka U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McPean. Mrs. Geo. McBean and J. Harwood won

the first prizes, while Mrs. E. C. Watts and Chas. Thompson carried off the consolation prizes. The Locals made over \$15 from this function.

At a well attended monthly meeting of Balzac U.F.A. Local on December 2nd, steps were taken at the suggestion of Mr. Maclean, the local Pool elevator operator, to form a Wheat Pool Local. The following were elected directors of the Pool local: John C. Greig, O. Rosenburgher, Art Robinson, E. Sereni, O. Ingraham. Plans were made for the board to meet at a later date to appoint a president and secretary. The U.F.A. Local membership now totals 72, an increase of one over last year, and further additions are expected.

Spedden U.F.A. Local at its December meeting passed a resolution protesting against the refusal of the Federal Farm Loan Board to give loans to farmers in that district. The resolution states that as land thereabouts is not level, and though good is hard to cultivate, the farmers are in especial need of financial assistance to increase the acreage under cultivation. The resolution concludes: "If a farmer, living in hard circumstances, has enough improvements to cover the loan, then he should get it; we are proud of our Farmers' Government in Alberta and their duty is to help the farmers if necessary."

A meeting of Northern Light U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals on November 25th was addressed by G. G. Coote, M.P., G. B. Walker, M.L.A., and H. B. McLeod, U.F.A. Director. Mr. Coote dealt with Federal matters, chiefly the new grain act, and made a stirring reference to the progress of peace in the Dominion and in the world in general. Mr. Walker took up the matter of Provincial finance in its relation to the various Government services such as education, roads, old age pensions, and health. Mr. McLeod reviewed briefly the work of the U.F.A., and made a strong appeal for support of the parent organization.

The annual banquet of Namas U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals was held in the community hall on December 4th, about one hundred persons sitting down to the tables laden with many good things to eat. S. A. Carson, M.L.A., acted as toastmaster; toasts to the Church, the Ladies, the U.F.A. and the Juniors were made and responded to by members of the organization, and musical numbers added to the success of the evening, states a report from Mrs. Gordon Clark, secretary of the U.F.W.A. Local. Secretaries of the two senior Locals gave reports of the year's work. The U.F.W.A. Local gave two plays and a musical program on December 11th, proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of a new piano for the hall.

The development of the natural resources for the benefit of the people was urged in a resolution passed by a well attended meeting of Fork Lake U.F.A. Local on December 2nd, states a report from M. Halverson, secretary. Other resolutions opposed the "black-listing policy" of the Farm Loans Board; favored the amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act so as to apply to farm laborers; asked more consideration for outlying districts, as regards roads and telephones; and requested the Provincial Government to assist in the purchase of

pure-bred livestock. In November, D. McLachlan, Director for the constituency, gave an address on co-operation and also showed some moving pictures. J. A. Delisle, M.L.A., and Mrs. Lewis gave short addresses.

Three hundred members and friends of Balzac U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals enjoyed the chicken supper and program held in the newly completed community hall on December 6th. Mrs. W. Johnston, president of the U.F.W.A. Local, ably filled the post of chairman. Mrs. Scholfield, U.F.W.A. Director, gave a fine address on co-operation and harmony.

Does It Pay to Join the U.F.A?

By N. V. FEARNEHOUGH, Secretary Morrin Local.

Ask any member of the Morrin Local! Anyone who has ever taken an active part on a U.F.A. membership drive or canvassed the farmers for their subscriptions to the U.F.A., is quite familiar with the difficulty of bringing home to the farmer the value, to HIM, of organization, education and co-operation. In fact, as a rule, anything that is not an obvious material benefit is distinctly immaterial in his scheme of things. Sad as this state of things may be, we have nevertheless got to take the fact into consideration in increasing our U.F.A. membership, for we must remember that the majority of the farmers who believe in the ideals that the U.F.A. is working for are already members of our organization and in spite of lean years or bumper crops, pay their subscription and come to meetings.

How, then, are we to reach the thousands and thousands of unorganized farmers in this Province? Achilles had one vulnerable spot—the heel. The farmer has one vulnerable spot—the pocketbook. If you can show a farmer by actual example that his membership fee is an investment yielding him profit at the rate of hundred per cent, he begins to get interested. And unless we can get a man interested enough in the organization to join up and come to meetings, how are we going to teach him that the U.F.A. means far more to him than just dollars and cents?

Increased Dues—Increased Membership

The Morrin Local for the last four years has set the membership dues at \$5 a year and has a paid up membership for 1929 of 64, or an increase over the average of the last four years of 28 per cent, which seems to refute the suggestion that a \$5 membership fee is too high.

During 1929 we have handled for our members:

2 cars cedar posts, saving effected over local prices.....	\$ 160.00
1 car lubricating oils, saving effected over local prices....	1026.00
1 car potatoes, saving effected over local prices.....	350.00
	<hr/> \$1536.00

which represents a cash saving to each of our 64 members of \$24. But this is only half the tale, as by creating competition we have lowered the price standard and effected savings to all the farmers in the district, whether members or not. In addition the Local has been of service in securing the free freight rate on barley and hay in cases where it took a number

Several artists contributed to a program which rivalled anything heard in the district for a long time. H. E. G. H. Scholfield gave a baritone solo, which was encored with much enthusiasm; solos by Mrs. H. D. Powers, a lyric soprano, with a wonderful range and a full resonant register, and Mr. Long, with a tenor voice of pleasing quality, were much appreciated. Mr. Powers gave a well rendered recitation, "The Engineer"; G. B. Wallace brought the audience to their feet with his rendering of Lauder's famous Scottish love-songs, and was repeatedly encored; a reading by little Miss Lois Church was much enjoyed.

of farmers to make up a carload between them.

Our meetings are generally well attended, and many are the subjects that come up for discussion, in proof of which there are seven resolutions to come before the Annual Convention that have originated in the Local meetings.

Our president, Alex Ross, though a newcomer to this district, is by no means new to the U.F.A. and a keen worker in its interests. We find that the best way to keep up our membership is by giving our members service and profits—and launch a good vigorous drive once a year to bring the stragglers into the fold!

Late U.F.W.A. News

Mrs. W. Ross, U.F.W.A. Director for Wetaskiwin, reports having attended a very interesting meeting of Seafeld U.F.W.A. Local. "This is a very energetic Local," she writes, "and while not large, they certainly make up in enthusiasm what they lack in numbers."

Cornwall Valley U.F.W.A. Local elected as officers for 1930 Mrs. G. H. Perry, president; Mrs. R. T. Beales, vice-president; Mrs. G. H. Biggs, secretary; Mrs. L. H. Higginbottom, reporter. In addition conveners were chosen to take charge of the various studies in which the organization is interested.

The annual meeting of Grosmont U.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Geo. la Branche on December 4th, when Mrs. la Branche was elected president, Mrs. F. Barr vice-president and Mrs. Leo Noddings secretary. Plans for the coming year were discussed at some length and refreshments were served by the hostess.

The 1930 program was decided on at a recent meeting of Energetic U.F.W.A. Local, at Milk River. The secretary reported that during the past year \$165.78 had been raised, of which \$144.82 was spent, leaving \$21.13 in the treasury. New officers are: president, Mrs. Lucy Davis; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Blinco; secretary, Mrs. Tom Ewing.

Plans for serving tea to the U.F.W.A. Convention delegates, and for music for the Convention program, occupied the greater part of the time at the last regular monthly meeting of Calgary U.F.W.A.

Local. Mrs. Sibbald was appointed convener of the program committee. It was also decided to assist the Labor women in serving meals to unemployed and homeless men in the city.

Dr. Kerby, B.A., D.D., of Calgary, will address the U.F.W.A. Convention on Friday afternoon, January 24th, on the subject, "Gleanings from a European Tour." Dr. Kerby, who is national President of the Federated Home and School Association of Canada, and first vice-president of the International Federated Home and School Association, last summer attended the annual meeting of the World's Educational Association at Geneva, and a gathering of the International Educational Fellowship at Elsinore, Denmark. Dr. Kerby also visited England, Italy, France, Germany and Sweden.

The total forest area of Canada, including the 82,260 square miles of forest on agricultural land, is estimated to be 1,151,454 square miles, and of this about 1,100,000 square miles is essentially forest land which can be utilized to the best advantage under forest.

Comparative Statement of U.F.W.A. Membership

	11 Months	
	1928	1929
Acadia.....	185	250
Athabaska.....	57	34
Battle River.....	176	190
Bow River.....	279	310
East Calgary.....	128	104
Camrose.....	184	187
East Edmonton.....	66	82
West Edmonton.....	33	22
Lethbridge.....	266	241
Macleod.....	300	260
Medicine Hat.....	40	75
Peace River North.....	69	95
Peace River South.....	60	81
Red Deer.....	139	140
Vegreville.....	141	143
Wetaskiwin.....	28	119
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The Solution of Our Natural Gas Problem

By ARTHUR J. CANTIN, Edmonton

What should we do with the 250,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas being wasted daily? is a question which has no doubt been asked by many visitors to the Turner Valley oil field.

It is a legitimate question, demanding the most serious consideration of every intelligent person in Alberta. It is a question which if solved intelligently will bring material comfort and prosperity to the majority of people in this Province.

Another question which can also be asked is: Should public ownership or private capital develop and extend this very valuable and necessary utility? We have one company in the field and we know what it is prepared to do and what it has done for us. We know that it has followed the short-sighted policy of charging all that the traffic will bear. We know that it will fight by all means available reductions in rates which would increase the consumption as well as profits derived by larger sales.

Extent of Wastage

Several other questions will be asked and answered in this article. What could this gas do if it was made available to everybody? There is enough gas going to waste in one month of the year in this one field to do the cooking and heating in every home and place of business in Alberta. It is out of the question to pipe this gas to every home, but it is available and should not be wasted.

How many horse-power could be developed if this gas were made to generate power in a modern and efficient steam-electric plant? I will let W. C. Heston, Pacific coast editor of the *Electrical World* of New York, and correspondent of *Business Week* of San Francisco, Calif., answer. In recent numbers of these magazines Mr. Heston had the following to say:

"Two wells alone in the rich Kettleman Hills field are producing 240,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day (about the same quantity as the Turner Valley

field) 200,000,000 cubic feet of which is going to waste. This quantity of gas would operate a 1,700,000 h.p. steam plant—a plant of sufficient size to supply a population of five million! These statements are not fiction."

Alberta had a peak load of 110,000 h.p. in its various electric generating plants in 1928, so that there is enough gas going to waste in this one field to supply the demand for power in this Province fifteen times over.

What would be the cost of generating power in a modern steam plant with cheap natural gas? Again I will quote Mr. Heston:

"Likewise, cheap fuel will be available for steam-electric power plants. . . .

"Cheap fuel will mean lower electric rates, in turn, coupled with new industries and increasing population, means greater consumption and revenue for the electric utilities. These factors will tend to offset the inroads made on the electrical industry by cheap natural gas. Low steam-plant generating costs mean, too, that Boulder dam power, if and when available, will enter a highly competitive market, a market being supplied with steam power costing not in excess of 4 mills per kilowatt-hour and very likely more nearly 2 mills."

California, we learn from Mr. Heston's articles, had 1,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas going to waste daily out of a total monthly production of 54,000,000,000 cubic feet. The people of that State realized some years ago that something should be done to conserve this wasting asset. At the Legislative Assembly of 1929 a conservation law was passed which came in force on the first of September, 1929. Early in October newspapers reported that the Standard Oil Co. announced a 50 per cent cut in price of crude oil, which was followed by a similar cut by a large number of independent oil producers. The result is that already it is estimated that the natural gas wastage has been cut in two.

The California Laws

Section 8b of the "California Laws for

the Conservation of Petroleum and Gas" will prove interesting:

"Sec. 8b. The unreasonable waste of natural gas by the act, omission, suffrance or insistence of the lessor, lessee or operator of any land containing oil or gas, or both, whether before or after the removal of gasoline from such natural gas, is hereby declared to be opposed to the public interest and is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful. The blowing, release or escape of natural gas into the air shall be prima facie evidence of unreasonable waste."

In my last article in *The U.F.A.* it was advocated that the gas be piped to Edmonton and Lethbridge and used in our power houses to generate electric power. At the time I thought it was an original suggestion. This is not the case—the electric utilities in California have been using over 100,000,000 cubic feet a day to generate electrical energy in steam plants. It can be said that this would not be an innovation, as it has been in use for years now in that state, to the great profits of the utilities company.

We must not think that gas can be piped to every home in Alberta any more than electric service or telephone. It is a case of building lines in districts so situated as to insure enough revenue to pay all fixed and operating charges. I have been accused of stating in print that I advocated public ownership on account of the fact that it would bring power to nearly all districts and farms in Alberta. This is not the impression that I wish to convey. Like everything else there must be enough revenue to pay for the service from a district or farm. We should not think of going into a losing business.

To solve our power and natural gas problems intelligently we must have a thorough investigation by competent local men of vision and ability to see the future as it will be in 10-20-30 years from now, and prepare for it accordingly.

GOVERNMENT AND INCREMENT TAX

In addition to the comments of the Provincial Government on U.F.A. Convention resolutions printed on page 9, the following has been received:

52. Increment Tax.—Whereas, companies dealing in farm lands pass on the payment of the increment tax to the purchasers, which is contrary to the intent and the spirit of such Act, we therefore request that the Government pass amendments making such practices unlawful.

The present Increment Tax Act makes payment of the taxes entirely a matter of agreement between the vendor and the purchaser at the time the sale is made.

In many instances in negotiations with respect to large parcels of land the payment of increment tax is a very important matter. Sometimes the vendor pays and sometimes the purchaser.

The act provides that in the absence of any agreement to the contrary there is an implied agreement that the vendor pays the tax.

I cannot see that the act can be made any more fair and it seems to me that this is simply a case where people are not familiar with the act.

A CORRECTION

In a report of the Lethbridge U.F.A. Federal Convention in our last issue, a resolution asking that means be found of debarring non-members of the Wheat Pool from the benefits which the Pool brings, was described through an error as having been passed. This resolution was defeated.

Contributors to H. W. Wood Presentation Fund

A further list of contributors to the Presentation Fund, inaugurated for the purpose of expressing the appreciation of members of the Association of President Wood's invaluable services to the Farmers' Movement, is printed below.

Many Locals are represented in the list by their complete membership. All who wish to participate are requested to send in their contributions without delay.

The committee in charge, consisting of Messrs. Scholefield, Aitken, Sutherland, Johansen and Mrs. Warr, will determine the form which the presentation shall take.

Hillside U.F.A.—

R. Young, J. O. Harvey, C. Dowdell, T. Howes, H. G. Young, K. Allemann, A. Johnson, H. Marr, M. H. Hemphill, W. L. Gray, all of Millet; R. Fietz, Wetaskiwin.

Devonia Lake U.F.W.A.—\$2.00.

Majestic Springwater U.F.A.—\$10.00.

Lexington U.F.A.—

J. B. Lynn, Ed. Rushfeldt, H. Smith, Mrs. H. Smith, F. Armstrong, Joe Smith, F. Rutz, W. McBride, Mrs. J. B. Lynn.

Beddington U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. E. Barker, Mrs. G. W. Wall, Mrs. R. J. Pole, Mrs. J. B. Jorgenson, Mrs. H. Banderob.

Floral U.F.A.—

O. E. Jones, I. A. Aldred, Geo. Ainscough, Jas. Millar, R. McCool, D. J. Miller, I. Cavander, Allen Montgomery, A. A. Hall.

Chain Lakes U.F.A.—

Mrs. I. Grosse, Mrs. H. I. Lund, Mrs. M. D. Cook, Mrs. B. Zeamer, Mrs. E. Lund, W. Pattinson, S. Linley, J. Sheldberg.

Midway U.F.W.A.—\$1.25.

Miday U.F.A.—\$2.25.

Duchess U.F.A.—

Mrs. H. E. Sheldrake, Miss H. E. Sheldrake, Fred H. Sheldrake, Wm. Sheldrake, Geo. V. Ayers, Mrs. Geo. V. Ayers.

Rowley U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. W. H. Baldwin, Mrs. J. J. Thompson, Mrs. Fred Bremer, Mrs. L. C. Nelson, Mrs. Hammond-Danby, Mrs. M. P. Sorensen, Mrs. Richard Yorke, Mrs. C. M. Gardiner, Mrs. Henry Swallow, Mrs. J. Lundal, Mrs. Fred Horodezky, Mrs. E. J. Garland, Mrs. S. R. Hooper.

Woodville U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. Ada M. Stearns, Mrs. Blanche Young, Miss E. Stearns, Mrs. Beatrice Young, Mrs. Violet Stearns, Mrs. Irma Dodd, Mrs. Ida Dorward, Mrs. Mildred Stearns, Miss Kathleen Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Farington, Miss Ethel Allen, Mrs. Laura Young.

Poplar Hill U.F.A.—

F. Dunedas, D. Gallagher, J. A. Craig, J. Montgomery, Mrs. J. Montgomery, W. Stevens, Mrs. W. Stevens, J. A. Grey, O. Sorenson, V. Jansson, U. S. Garthee, Jno. Reishus, F. A. Brown, G. E. Ashwell, W. P. Dellane, Mrs. T. A. Cox, T. A. Cox.

Hutton U.F.A.—

D. A. Wood, J. Gillock, Wm. Denholme.

Hills U.F.W.A.—\$1.25.

Winona U.F.A.—\$1.75.

East Lethbridge U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. Berry, Mrs. McNeely, Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. Wilmot, Mrs. Lyon.

Sexsmith U.F.A.—

C. H. Helgason, Geo. W. Griffiths, Helgi Helgason, Geo. Peckham, Lewis J. Walters, L. Garfield Walters, J. B. Foster, A. H. Ward, all of Sexsmith.

Travers U.F.A.—

T. K. Hule, O. A. Lewis, A. Anderson, Nels Olson, P. A. Kimmitt, M. Henrect,

R. Wilkinson, W. F. Stamp, Chris Erickson, H. Brandon, all of Travers.

Creighton U.F.A.—

D. H. McMillian, Chas. Reeves, Geo. Cherratt, Geo. Bennett, F. McFadden, P. M. Arnold, Chas. Johnson.

Painter Creek U.F.A.—

C. H. Baird, W. Matier, M. Matier, P. Meyer, S. Meyer, W. H. Ewart, J. Luse, C. W. Shipley, A. Johnson.

Rocky Coulee U.F.A.—

E. Brown, J. G. Parker, J. W. Barnes, D. Munro, W. Williamson, Sam Pruitt, W. Heward.

Howe U.F.A.—

J. R. McLean, T. S. McLean, H. H. McLean, Hugh McLean, A. Nash, Ed. Thompson.

Rathwell U.F.A.—

W. H. Shield, M. L. A., G. R. Leighton, A. W. Mudiman, J. T. Horner, R. Lemire, J. P. Shield, Thos. Shield, J. Horner, A. J. White.

Argyle U.F.A.—\$2.25.

Rathwell U.F.W.A.—\$2.00.

Roseberry U.F.A.—

Mrs. W. B. Steele, Clark M. Steele, W. T. Steele, all of Irma.

Sunshine U.F.A.—

Mr. and Mrs. A. Melling, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laut, S. Cameron, H. Mitchem.

Berrywater U.F.W.A.—\$5.00.

Ardenode U.F.A.—

P. Jensen, P. McDougall, A. Jensen, D. Broak.

Bulwark U.F.A.—

J. F. Kelly, C. James, T. McConkey, S. Serviss, W. Constable.

Renfrew U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. Lavold, Mrs. Colbens, Mrs. Mellen, Mrs. Hyssop.

Standard U.F.A.—

L. A. Story, J. Wheatley, Chancellor; Carl Hansen, J. P. Nelson, A. Anderson, R. Gregory, Wm. Drysdale, H. P. Madson, P. Bath, C. E. McAuliffe, E. Wirt, E. A. Wagler, A. L. Williams, Chris Andersen, J. P. M. Jensen, Thorvald Nielson, H. Enevoldsen, Christ Christensen, Walter Jensen, Geo. Petersen, D. L. Kelly, N. P. Nelson, H. W. Larsen, R. F. Ormburn, J. Rasmussen, Karl Milbak, Geo. Nygaard, Wm. Myrther, Wesley Petersen, O. D. Christensen, Emil Dam, A. Hansen, Nills Nelson, Chris Rasmussen, S. Bording, Chris W. Nelson, Edw. Christensen, all of Standard.

Calumet U.F.A.—\$3.00.

Heather Brae U.F.A.—\$1.00.

Okotoks U.F.W.A.—\$3.75.

Carseland U.F.A. and U.F.W.A.—\$5.00.

Welcome U.F.W.A.—\$2.00.

Lamont U.F.W.A.—\$5.00.

Balzac U.F.A.—

H. Jobson, Bert Woods, Ed. Rosenburgher, Geo. Ralston, T. I. Black, E. G. McLean, S. Meyers, O. Rosenburgher, C. J. Church, A. E. Robinson, Geo. Barker, O. Ingraham, W. J. Church, Gordon Barker, V. B. Watt, Geo. E. Church, J. C. Greig, J. Weir, E. Serine.

Horse Hills U.F.A.—

C. Burford, T. Weeks, A. A. Smith, W. L. Sharp, E. C. Hallman, P. Taylor, A. Allan, Wm. Yoachim, L. Stockney, E. W. Corbett, Wm. Burford, J. M. Clark, W. G. Clark.

Clairmont Lake U.F.A.—

M. G. Gudlaugson, S. Drisdale, A. Mercer, H. Parkhill, E. J. Klure, W. F. Ward, T. B. Shehan, A. Morken, R. F. Moore, all of Clairmont; A. Knetchel, Clairmont.

Poplar Lake U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. S. Bentley, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Whiteford, Mrs. C. Burnett, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. J. Wilkinson, Mrs. G. Duke, Mrs. R. Cavanagh.

Lamont U.F.A.—\$5.00.

Midnapore U.F.A.—

E. Kerslake, J. McInnes, M. Shaw, E. McKeivitt, J. Snell, Fr. Newman, F. J. Ratcliff, G. F. Lee, Ed Hoshka, Geo. Beatty, H. F. W. Greenhill.

Strathmore U.F.A.—

H. Kiemeny, Strathmore.

Keystone U.F.A.—

M. Colquhoun, J. Swan, E. Roy, W. Roy, W. Walters, P. W. Taylor, B. Blair, R. Gordanier, M. Keay, H. Rudy, J. McLennan, K. Hettler, P. G. Hettler, J. McBride, F. Stilling, C. Carlson, R. McKinnon, J. Forrest, I. Lougheed, T. Western, C. McKinnon, A. Erickson, L. Larson, J. D. Laughlin, A. Pihliga, A. Boyd, O. Peterson, J. Boyd, D. Taggart, T. Hettler, A. Arnegard, R. Watson, J. Bonser, W. Hettler, C. Landels, G. Colquhoun, E. Anderson, L. Naylor, J. Knudson, A. Hettler, G. Hein, W. Wickett, P. Hettler, C. Patterson.

Clivale U.F.A.—

P. A. Campbell, J. E. Mudd, H. A. Mashon, J. Ellis, George Mulligan, Wm. Kasten, J. Cummings, D. A. Croak, C. Mashon, P. A. Robertson, C. W. Slater, A. M. Walton, E. H. Walton, all of Clivale; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pugh and Miss Mildred Pugh, of Dorothy.

Starline U.F.A.—

F. Laing, I. Davies, W. E. Brown, J. L. Strang, J. W. Nowlin, L. Schoof, T. Brown, G. E. Toone, J. McMurray, J. Strang, R. Gillis, J. C. Strang, H. Schram, W. J. Davies, C. Curtis, G. Flitton, J. D. McIntyre, J. D. Humphreys, J. B. Humphreys, F. Hannagan, G. Lepard, E. L. Schram, R. H. Olmstead, R. Lamb, H. Taitinger.

Rosyth U.F.W.A.—\$2.00.

Landonville U.F.W.A.—

Mrs. M. Stanley, Mrs. A. Semple, Mrs. E. V. Stanley, Mrs. R. E. Stanley, Mrs. F. Gray, Mrs. A. Bensmiller.

Louise Lake U.F.A.—

Maurice Stanley, Andrew Semple, E. V. Stanley, R. E. Stanley, L. E. Stanley, A. Bensmiller, Wm. C. Dorey, H. C. Dorey, C. R. McLeod.

Bassano U.F.A.—

R. Z. Lore, Lathom; James Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Erickson, Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mr. Phill, Harry Smith, Geo. Saar, Mr. Salmon, C. L. Powell, all of Lathom; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Plumer, Percy Powell, Sim Lang, Jack Wriggitt, all of Bassano; Howard Ferguson, Countess.

Notre Dame U.F.W.A.—\$1.00.

Magrath U.F.A.—\$28.00.

Mayerthorpe U.F.A.—\$2.00.

Scandia U.F.A.—\$4.50.

Roros U.F.A.—

J. Murray, Sr., J. Murray Jr., Geo. Leggett, Wm. Leggett, C. Tufte, J. Lundberg, P. Lien, F. Bengtson, Mar-

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Sales Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool Surveys Operations of Past Year

Reviews Extraordinary Conditions Which Have Recently Prevailed in World Wheat Situation—The Statistical Outlook—Prospective Supply Shows 360 Millions Decrease as Compared With Last Year.

By POOL PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

George McIvor, general sales manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, presented to the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates his report of the operations of the Central Selling Agency during the past year. He stated that the marketing season was one that taxed the ability of the organization to the utmost to sustain prices at a satisfactory figure. The consuming public was of the opinion that in view of the large world exportable surplus, wheat should sell at very low prices. The Pool's London office intimated during the past year that the opinion of some of the millers in England was that Canadian wheat should command a price of 90c a bushel at Fort William, and it was with this opinion strongly held by the buyers that the Canadian Pool had to contend through the greater part of the marketing season.

Mr. McIvor pointed out that no exporting country has ever had to contend with more difficult competition than Canada faced during the period the Southern Hemisphere marketed its crop last year. Argentine Plate wheats are on a parity with our 3 Northern in value, but these Plate wheats have been sacrificed during the last season at prices considerably less than Canada's No. 5 wheat. This competition was maintained from the time Argentina commenced to come on the market until quite recently, and added to this the record world production during the 1928-29 season made the task of marketing Canada's wheat a stupendous one. The Pool was in the position of dealing with buyers who were insistent that prices should rule relatively lower and who were very reluctant to purchase Canadian wheat at a premium.

Oriental Exports

One of the bright features of the Pool's business during the past season was the large exportations of wheat to China and Japan, over 18 million bushels being directed to those countries. Mr. McIvor said that while it might be difficult during the present season to continue a large business to these markets on account of the higher price and higher grades of wheat, he was confident that the Pool would do a fair share of the business to these markets. The Canadian Pool had established itself through its connections in both Japan and China and would continue to keep close observations on the conditions in these countries with a view of expanding business to the fullest possible extent.

Pool Value Demonstrated

In summing up last year's business, Mr. McIvor expressed the opinion that the value of the Pool method of marketing was demonstrated more clearly than in any previous year since the Pools came into existence. The influence of the organization in world markets was now generally recognized and it had been able to sell its wheat at substantial premiums over that of other countries. Canadian wheat at the present time brought more per bushel than any other wheat in the world, having in mind the construction placed on values by importing millers. No other wheat marketing agency had ever assumed such responsibilities as that carried by the Canadian Wheat Pool during the past marketing season. That the Pool was able to assume this responsibility, maintain its credit, distribute its sales in an orderly fashion, find new markets for

large surpluses of low grade wheat, and maintain a fair price level against the pressure of the whole buying world, was a tribute to the Pool marketing system. It definitely marked a forward step in the direction of co-operative marketing throughout the wheat exporting countries of the world.

World Statistics

In a comprehensive document presented by Mr. McIvor, the summary of the findings of the statistical department was given. The world's crop for 1929-30 is estimated at 3,390,000,000 bushels, which is 535 million bushels less than the record production of last year of 3,925,000,000 bushels and 142 million bushels less than the five-year average. As the world's carryover at the beginning of the present crop year was 595 million bushels as compared to 420 million bushels last year (175 million bushels greater), the total prospective supply of wheat on August 1st, 1929 was 3,985,000,000 bushels as compared with 4,345,000,000 bushels last year or a decrease of 360 million bushels. It is pointed out that there is not much likelihood of any appreciable change in the estimated wheat crop of any country excepting the Argentine.

Surplus Diminished

Allowing for the same carryover in each of the principal exporting countries as the average from the crop years 1924-25 to '28-'29, the surplus producing countries have available for export only 708 million bushels, compared to world exports of 930 million bushels last year and average world exports of 809 million bushels. The surplus available for export on the basis of average carryovers is equal to a weekly supply of 13,600,000 bushels compared to the weekly average net exports of last year of 17,800,000 and the weekly average for the past five years of 15,600,000. The figure of 708 million bushels is merely the amount of wheat available for export on the assumption that carryovers at the end of present crop year will be equal to the average for the past five years. It is not our estimate of probable net exports, as we believe the world's import requirements will prove to be much more than 708 million bushels, and that the world's carryover will have to be reduced materially below the last five-year average.

Canada is estimated to have available for export as wheat and flour, 224 million bushels compared to 407 million bushels last year. United States has a total visible supply of 1,037,000,000, made up of new crop of 792 million and 245 million

bushels carryover. Domestic consumption in that country will be about 675 million and exportable surplus 220 million bushels. Argentina's crop is estimated at 210 million bushels and the exportable surplus only 80 million bushels, compared with 188 million bushels shipped last year. The Australian crop is estimated at 105 million bushels and with the carryover of 36 million bushels the exportable surplus is estimated at 54 million bushels.

Net exports from other surplus countries are estimated at 60 million bushels as compared with 48 last year.

Broomhall's Estimate

Broomhall's estimates of world import requirements is 696 million bushels, which the Canadian Wheat Pool believes is much too low, and points out that Broomhall's estimates have almost invariably proven too low owing to his importer's bias. The Canadian Pool's estimates of world import requirements is 770 million bushels, which is 74 million bushels greater than the Broomhall estimate. If the carryover at the end of the present crop year will be the same as the average in the past five years, namely, 386 million bushels, there are only 710 million bushels available for export; consequently, if our estimate of world import requirements of 770 million bushels proves to be nearly correct, the world carryover will have to be reduced 60 million below the average for the past five years, or 269 million bushels below the carryover of last year's crop.

LOUSANA POOL LOCAL

At the Annual Meeting of this Local held on December 5th, which was largely attended, G. H. Biggs, the delegate for this district, gave a lengthy report of the recent convention. He reviewed the convention's attitude on the principal resolutions, and answered many questions that were put to him. S. R. Kerr was elected chairman for the ensuing year and Mr. Joseph Smith, secretary.

Coarse Grains Patronage Dividend

Cheques covering excess earnings on coarse grains delivered by Pool members on street basis during the 1928-29 season have been delivered to the elevator agents for distribution to Pool members in their districts. This distribution on coarse grains has been made on the basis of one cent per bushel only to those members who delivered their coarse grains on a street basis. The cheques are sent to the elevators because this affords the most convenient method of distribution. Members who are entitled to this distribution should make it a point to get in touch with their local elevator agent.

Alberta Government Deals With Convention Resolutions

Recent Replies Are Concerned With Many Questions Raised by Last U.F.A. Convention

Replies from Alberta Cabinet Ministers with reference to 34 resolutions upon Provincial matters passed by the last Annual Convention of the U.F.A. were published in our issue of July 15th. A further list of replies received from the Provincial Government during the past few weeks is given below:

35. Annual Hail Insurance Convention.—Asking that all delegates to the Annual Hail Insurance convention shall have carried municipal hail insurance for at least one year, and that no municipal secretary shall be a delegate.

This resolution has been referred to the Municipal Hail Board for consideration by them at their next annual meeting. The Government prefers to defer further consideration until after the opinion of that Board has been expressed.

36. Amendment to Land Act.—Asking that provision be made for the registration of line fences.

The Legislative Counsel, Dr. Scott, has had under consideration this last year a new Line Fence bill which will be considered by the members at the next session. This bill is aimed to meet the spirit of the resolution, but until the members have passed upon it we are unable to say to what extent the resolution will finally be met.

37. Favoring an Increase in Gasoline Tax from 3 to 5 cents.—Provided exemption be made for gasoline for tractor purposes.

At the last Session of the Legislature the gasoline tax was increased from 3c to 5c and exemption given for certain industrial purposes, including the use of gasoline for tractor purposes. At first some objection was taken to the procedure of the Department in connection with the rebate and a committee of the Cabinet reviewed this procedure, with the result that it has been considerably simplified.

38. Public Ownership of Power.—Urging the Provincial Government to take certain and determined action towards the development of hydro-electric power, and asking the U.F.A. to stand firmly behind the establishment of hydro-electric as a public utility in this Province.

The Government has had the whole question of hydro-electric development in the Province under consideration during the past year and has had the advice of two outstanding experts, particularly in connection with the Edmonton system.

We have, for some years, been working along the line of protecting, as far as possible, the Provincial position so as to safeguard it should the Provincial Government decide in the future to undertake hydro-electric development as a public policy. While we have had this question under consideration extensively for the past year, the Government is not at the moment prepared to make any announcement that it will immediately undertake to acquire all power development in the Province.

39. Air Power.—Asking the Provincial Government to investigate the

possibility of developing electric power from windmills.

This resolution is at the present time being considered by the Department of Agriculture.

40. Natural Resources.—Asking the Provincial Government to press for immediate settlement of this question. The Government has consistently urged the return to the Province of its natural resources and has made considerable headway in that the last offer made by the Dominion Government during the past summer is very considerably better than any previous offer. The Provincial Government will continue its efforts to have this matter adjusted.

41. Beer Parlors.—Pledging the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. to do all possible to abolish beer parlors.

The Government notes the action taken by the Convention with respect to this resolution. This resolution does not suggest any definite action so far as the Provincial Government is concerned.

42. Public Ownership.—Opposing the "Trackways Bill."

The Government notes the action taken by the U.F.A. Convention with respect to the Trackways Bill. This bill was introduced in the Legislature again last session but was defeated.

43. Amendment to Land Titles Act.—Requesting the Provincial Government to amend the Land Titles Act to prevent writs of execution being issued in error against persons of the same or similar name to those who are judgment debtors.

Reply: Attached hereto is copy of letter from the Attorney-General to the Secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta, dated December 17th, 1928, which explained the position of the Government with respect to this resolution. The letter is summarized as follows: "An exhaustive effort was made to meet this situation by the amendments to the Land Titles Act in 1927. It is impossible to enact legislation in this regard that will entirely eliminate the possibility of occasional annoyance and hardship. The 1927 amendments went a long way to meet the situation. The Government is fully alive to the problem and will not hesitate to act when a more effective method of dealing with the matter is evolved."

44. Insurance of Public Buildings.—Favoring the creating of an insurance scheme for all public buildings.

The Government has had this recommendation under consideration for some time. The Government believes that the purpose of this resolution can best be met by inter-Provincial action, and communications are being held with the Governments of the other Provinces to see whether they would be prepared to join in some inter-Provincial scheme. In the meantime it may be said that a very large percentage of the insurance on purely governmental buildings is being carried by the Provincial Government.

45. Provincial Health Clinics.—Requesting the Public Health Department to prevent cancellation at a late hour of inspections of schools by the Provincial Health Clinics.

The Government has carefully noted this resolution and will endeavor to take

precautions to prevent a recurrence of the conditions mentioned in the resolution.

46. Permits for Alcoholic Beverages.—Petitioning the Provincial Government to withhold permits for alcoholic beverages to be used at banquets and picnics.

This resolution must have been passed under a misapprehension of the present law. No permit is given for alcoholic beverages at picnics and the permit at banquets is limited entirely to wines or beer.

47. Prices at Chain Stores.—Asking for legislation to force chain stores and lumber yards to maintain the same price levels in all their branches.

The Government does not consider this resolution practical or advisable. The legislation would be useless unless it could be enforced and enforcement would involve a constant examination of price levels at all the various stores in the Province. Furthermore difference in prices may be justified by local conditions, involving questions of transportation and freight. For example, a store in a new district where transportation charges are very excessive may be quite justified in charging different prices than in a city where the turn-over is much greater and the transportation charges less.

48. Personal Domicile and Naturalization.—Asking the Provincial Government to lend their interest with the Federal Government in securing personal domicile and personal naturalization for women.

The Provincial Government has supported the spirit of this resolution, but it is a matter for the Dominion Government.

49. Tariff on Iodine Products.—Asking the Provincial Government to bring to the attention of the Federal Government the need for the removal of tariff on products containing iodine.

This resolution is a Dominion matter. The Provincial Government has advocated lower tariffs on all commodities for consumption in the Province.

50. State Life Insurance.—Requesting both Provincial and Federal Governments to investigate at once the advisability of instituting a system of state life insurance.

The Government notes this resolution and recognizes further that life insurance is a subject over which the Provincial Government has jurisdiction. The Government feels, however, that there are many services to which the Government can give its attention which should have precedence over this. Furthermore, safety of any insurance scheme depends upon the number of risks and the territory covered. The Government does not feel this is a subject which it could undertake at the present time.

51. Standards for Liquid Fuels and Lubricants.—Calling the attention of the Provincial Government to the desirability of establishing standards and setting up laboratory and mechanical services for testing fuel oils and lubricants.

The Government now has a Board of three, under the Chairmanship of Major Strange, making an investigation into this subject.

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Wheat Pool Booklet for Young People

"The Story of the Wheat Pool" Will Be Sent to Any Young Person on Request—
Some Letters from Readers

A copy of the Alberta Wheat Pool booklet for young people will be sent to every young person who writes in and requests one. This offer has been made over the radio for some time and a considerable number of requests received. The Wheat Pool is anxious to encourage the young people to read about the Wheat Pool and the booklet has been prepared for their particular use.

A number of the letters received from the young people are reprinted herewith and doubtless will prove interesting to readers of this periodical.

No Inconvenience

James Cowe, Willowlea.—I heard your broadcast on October the 16th. I enjoyed it very much. I would like the booklet which you are giving away. My father is a Pool member. I will close now hoping not to cause you any inconvenience.

Story Only Begun

Russell E. Andrews (12 years), Three Hills.—My Dad is a Wheat Pool member, "No. 618." We listen in every Wednesday night to the broadcast and it always comes in good and plain. We would like one of the booklets *The Story of the Wheat Pool*, although Dad says the story is not near finished yet. Only begun.

Father Is Early Signer

William Speers, Innisfree.—I have been listening to your Wheat Pool lecture ever since it started and my father has been a member from the first sign-up, so I would like to get one of your children's books you are advertising over the radio.

Interested

Doris Hardy, Carmangay.—We have listened to a number of your Wheat Pool talks and think them very interesting. Last night we heard about the booklet on Wheat Pool and wish you would kindly send me one.

Ted Is Eleven

Ted Howard, Stettler.—I would like to have one of your Wheat Pool booklets. I am eleven years old. Daddy enjoys your Wheat Pool talks every week.

A Prospective Member

Melvin Hobson, Chinook.—Will you please send me one of your junior's Wheat Pool booklets. I hope to be a Pool member some day.

Appreciates Pool

George Coleman, c.o. G. F. Leadbetter, Hughenden.—I am thirteen years of age. I listen to your talk every week and I am interested in the booklet you are sending out and I wish you would kindly send me one. My Father has been a Wheat Pool member ever since it started. We had a very poor crop in this district this year and my Father says he does not know what we would have done had

it not been for the Wheat Pool. We had our first touch of winter for the year and it is ten below zero tonight. I think this is all I will write now, and will finish my letter with "Long Live the Wheat Pool!"

Looking for Cheques

Audrey and Bernice Koepke, Iron Springs.—We hear your Wheat Pool talks every Wednesday night. Papa gets so many cheques from you that he is always looking for more. We have a little bank book started from the cash coupons from the groceries, so when he gets your cheques we get our coupons for our bank book, so we are looking for cheques too. We are two sisters age 13 and 11 and would like very much if you would send us one of your booklets.

A Chatty Letter

Mary Hornby, Roseacre, St. Brides.—I listened to you over the radio, and I heard you say you would send a book out to any boy or girl who would send for one. I am writing for a book for myself, and one for a friend of ours. He lives at the next farm. Will you please send me a book for grownups if you have one, to give to my father and mother. I am 11 years old and I am in Grade V. We have two teachers in our school; the head teacher is a man, and the other is a mistress. I have two brothers away, one of them is called Jack, and is the principal of the Pelican Lake School. The other one is called Allert, and is at the V.S.A. I have one at home, named Sylvester. We have joined the Wheat Pool and are very glad for we think it is a great help to the farmers. This is my first letter but I hope it will not be my last one.

A Lancashire Lassie

Edith Hornby, Roseacre, St. Brides.—We heard you over the radio and enjoyed it. We also heard you say that you would be pleased to send free books of the Wheat Pool to children who would write for them. I am asking for two books, one for my sister who is in the convent at Clondonald (she will be home at Christmas), and the other for myself. I am nine years old and I am in grade four. My sister's name is Laura. She is in grade eight. I will be ten on November 28th, 1929. We came out here from Lancashire, England, in June, 1927, and are settled in a colony with 50 more families, all British. This is my first letter to you. I will try to listen to you every Wednesday.

One For Teacher

Marcella Plater, Greenshields.—My sister and I would like your literature of Wheat Pool. Our names are Marcella Plater and Dorothy Plater; and one for my teacher, Miss Matheson.

Born at Brooks

Pearl Whatley, Heathdale.—Will you please send me a Wheat Pool Book.

I am 14 years old last July. My sister Margaret, 12 years old, would like one too. Your name is on my birth certificate as registrar. I was born in Brooks but am on the farm and like farm life best. We enjoy the Wheat Pool broadcasts and listen in on them all. My Daddy has been in the Pool since it started.

Enjoy Pool Talks

Merle County, Baintree.—We heard your Wheat Pool talks over the radio. We enjoy listening to your programs. I would like to receive one of your Wheat Pool books for young people. My age is 14.

Believe in Co-operation

Jack Anderson (13 years), Wayne.—I am 13 years old, a farmer's son, and I believe in Wheat Pool. My father and mother both are Wheat Pool boosters. They won't have anybody talk against Pool, if they can help it. I myself believe in co-operating. I look for your Wednesday evening talk; too bad you only speak 15 minutes now. Can't you speak 1 hour anyway? We all look forward and listen to your talk. Will you please send me one of those booklets you speak of. I would greatly appreciate it. I think farmers co-operating is the best thing in the world. Every farmer should co-operate with his fellow farmers. Every farmer should join Wheat Pool. Wishing the Wheat Pool all the success in the world.

Wonderful

Cyril Poole, Carbon.—I heard your talk over the radio on Wednesday (20th) and thought it was wonderful. I also heard that you were giving a booklet to everyone that ask for one. Please send me and my brother Norman one of your booklets each. I am 12 years old and in Grade VIII. Wishing you and the Wheat Pool success.

Nice Talks

Carolyn and Jack Aspden, Calgary.—My little sister and I have been listening to your nice talks over the radio to the farmers about the Wheat Pool. My sister and I would like to have one of those story books that you have been telling us about.

Thanks

Lea Marie Matlock, Champion.—I am writing to you for a little Wheat Pool Booklet that I have heard so much about over the radio. My father is a member of the Wheat Pool. We always listen to the programs, for they are very interesting. I am ten years old and I have a little brother four years old who is always asking questions about the pool and selling wheat. We can enjoy the book-

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let together. Wishing you success in your work.

Tune in on Pool Radio

Howard Carrico (14 years), Calgary.—Will you please send me one of your booklets *The Story of the Wheat Pool*. Also please send the other book to my father. We all look forward to hearing the Wheat Pool broadcast every Wednesday evening and everything else is tuned out for it. We find the broadcasts beneficial and very interesting. I thank you very much for the books.

Seven Years Old

Bobby Boyden, Chancellor.—My dad is a member of the Wheat Pool and I would like to have one of the booklets you offer in *The U.F.A.* I am seven years old.

A Pool Worker

Erl Brocklebank, High River.—I thought I would write for one of your booklets, as I listen to your broadcast Wednesday evenings, and find it very interesting. I am eleven years old and go three miles to High River school. In my spare time Dad keeps me busy putting up Wheat Pool posters, on the telephone poles in front of our farm. Dad's a real co-operative man and so am I.

Tommy Is Pleased

Tom Southron, Ryley.—I am a little boy of nine years old. I am very interested in your talks about the Wheat Pool. I would be very pleased to receive one of your booklets.

Listens to Talks

Oswald Southron, Ryley.—I listen to your talks every Wednesday over the radio. I would like you to send me one of your booklets that you mention.

Thinks Talks Splendid

James Morken, Clairmont.—I have just listened to your splendid talk over the radio. And am looking forward to hearing you again next Wednesday. I am ten years old. Would you kindly send me one of your booklets.

Doesn't Like Town

Irene Brewer, Ribstone.—Would you please send me one of your books. I am thirteen years of age in grade eight and live on a farm. We are two and a half miles from town but I wouldn't live in town for the world. Dad listens in to your talk every Wednesday and enjoys it very much.

Planning for the Future

Neil Stone, Buffalo.—I would like to get a copy of your book. I am six years old in grade I. Dad is a pool member and hauls all his wheat to the Pool elevator. That is what I am going to do.

Do a Lot of Good

Dorothy A. Wroe, Hemaruka.—I will be pleased if you will send me one of the Wheat Pool booklets which I heard you mention while listening to your good radio talks. Dad says your radio talks should do a lot of good. He likes to listen to them each time.

Wants to Learn

Arthur Olson, Holden.—I listen to the Wheat Pool broadcast every Wednesday evening and find it very interesting. I would like to have one of those books please which you have been distributing to the children, as I would like to know all about the great Wheat Pool where our fathers sell their grain to get a better price.

A Helpful Girl

Nan Baillie, Elnora.—We listen to your Wheat Pool talks every Wednesday and they are very interesting. My dad is a Pool member and I think I am part of one as I haul out a car load of grain every fall, all except this one. I am sweet sixteen and dad's right hand man. I would like one of your books you are giving away.

Son of Pool Pioneer

John Allen, Heathdale.—I heard on your broadcast last Wednesday evening that any child writing to the "Alberta Wheat Pool" would receive an "Illustrated Booklet of the Wheat Pool." My Dad was one of the first to join the "Alberta Wheat Pool" in this township 26, range 8, and has been a canvasser ever since.

"It's Right"

Adrien Gingras, Brant.—Being a regular listener to your Weekly Pool talks, over the air, I wish to ask you for a booklet for the young people. I am particularly interested in the Pool, as our grain is pooled. It is of interest to listen to whatever the Pool has to say. "It's Right." The talks are interesting and none too long. Hope I am not the first from Brant to write, as I never heard of one over the radio mentioned.

Saskatchewan Pool Notes

Since the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool began operations on June 26th, 1924, a total of 585,462,659 bushels of Pool wheat have been marketed in Saskatchewan until the end of the 1928-29 crop year. Of this amount 158,422,622 bushels were delivered to the Pool during the crop year 1928-29, or 55.4 per cent of the total wheat crop marketed in Saskatchewan last year. Of the total amount of wheat marketed through the Saskatchewan Pool last year, more than 91 million bushels were of grades 3 Northern, No. 4 and No. 5. An average of 75.5 per cent of all Pool grain in Saskatchewan was handled through Saskatchewan Pool Elevators last year.

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool membership as at October 12th, 1929, was 80,267, this being the number of net operative contracts on file in Head Office. The number of contracts received each month for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1929 was as follows: January 342, February 225, March 180, April 146, May 80, June 197, July 217, August 290, September 626, October 1 to 15, 488.

At the last annual meeting of Wheat Pool Delegates, the Delegates approved the recommendation of the Board of Directors that excess elevator charges be returned to Pool members on the basis of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per bushel on all Pool grain handled through Pool elevators and $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ on all Pool grain loaded over the platform and billed to Pool Terminals or loaded through line elevators and billed to Pool Terminals during the crop year 1928-29.

NOT ON THE ARGENTINE LEVEL

Modern Miller.—The deadlock between British wheat buyers and Canadian wheat sellers has assumed a tenacity of purpose that was never before witnessed in the annals of wheat marketing. The Pool

is struggling to get an adequate return for wheat production and British buying organizations are using every available means to have the buyer fix the price instead of the seller.

Because the Argentine produces wheat by peon labor, of a quality semi-hard and indifferently cleaned, this should not be the basis for wheat in North America, either the United States or Canada. The world price must take into consideration differences in quality, even as shoppers differentiate between ten-cent stores and Fifth Avenue shops. If the world price for wheat does not recognize a premium for quality, then buyers must accept a lower standard.

North America is not going to trade on the Argentine level. If that wheat suffices, then quality production must and will suffer. If it is a question of price alone, then the wheat deadlock is a serious menace.

Seed Time and Harvest the World 'Round

Wheat is the principal food of mankind. It is grown in almost every part of the world. The seeding time of the principal wheat growing countries is:

United States and Canada—Spring wheat: March, April, May.

Southern India—October; and in Northern India, December.

Argentine, Chile, Uruguay—April to August.

North Africa—September and October.

Australia—April, May and June.

New Zealand—June and July.

Siberia and Manchuria—April and May

Wheat is harvested throughout the world during the following periods:

January—New Zealand, Chile.

February and March—Upper Egypt, India.

April—Lower Egypt, India, Syria, Cyprus, Persia, Asia Minor, Mexico, Cuba.

May—Texas, Algeria, Central Asia, China, Japan, Morocco.

June—California, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Spain, Portugal, Southern France, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Greece.

July—New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, South Minnesota, Nebraska, Roumania, Bulgaria, Austria, Hungary, Southern Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Southern England.

August—Oregon, Washington, Central and Northern Minnesota, Dakota, Western Canada, Columbia, Belgium, Holland, Great Britain, Denmark, Poland, Central Russia.

September and October—Scotland, Sweden, Norway, North Russia.

November—South Africa, Santa Fe, Manchuria.

December—Argentina, Australia.

New crop wheat arrives in the ports of consumption from exporting countries in the heaviest quantities during the following periods:

January, February—Pacific America.

February, March—Argentina, Australia

May—Chile.

June—Bombay, Persian Gulf, North Africa.

July—Kurachi.

August—American and Russian winter wheat.

September—Russian spring wheat, Balkan wheat.

October—American spring wheat.

November—Canada.

Annual Meeting of Delegates of Alberta Wheat Pool Deals With Many Important Questions

A Report of the Five Days' Sessions Held in Calgary

The annual meeting of the delegates of the Alberta Wheat Pool commenced on Tuesday, November 26th, and lasted for five days. The last issue of *The U.F.A.* contained the majority of the reports presented to this meeting and this article is a summarized account of the deliberations of the sessions held.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., November 26th. A. R. Brown, of Westlock, was elected chairman and George H. Biggs, of Elnora, vice-chairman. Motion was passed that employees and members vouched for by delegates be admitted to the meetings. The next step was for the chairman to appoint committees, which was done as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: A. W. Fraser, T. P. Baker, John Atkinson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: J. A. Johansen, J. K. Sutherland, E. H. Keith.

RE-DRAFTING: Rufus Cates.

Discussion of Reports

After the adoption of the minutes of previous meetings, the report of the Board of Directors (printed in the last issue of *The U.F.A.*) was read by Lew Hutchinson, Director for Camrose division. This was followed by the reading of the Manager's report by R. D. Purdy; and also of the Auditors' report by F. M. Harvey, senior member of the firm of Harvey & Morrison. All these reports were the subject of considerable discussion.

The report of the Alberta Pool Elevators concluded the morning session of the first day, it having been read by R. D. Purdy, Manager. Readers will find this report in its entirety in the last issue of *The U.F.A.*

Wednesday morning session commenced with the reading of the auditors' report and balance sheet of Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited. Various items in this document were explained by Mr. Harvey, who read the report.

At the request of the meeting, Andrew Cairns, of Winnipeg, statistician of the Central Selling Agency, then reported verbally on the work being done by the research laboratory recently installed in the Wheat Pool Building, Winnipeg, and also on the work of the statistical department of the Central Selling Agency, which comes under his supervision. Mr. Cairns answered a number of questions, the delegates evincing a great deal of interest in what he had to tell them.

Flour Milling

J. Jesse Strang, Director for Claresholm district, presented a report on the investigation made into the flour milling industry during the past year. A summary of this report appeared in the last issue of *The U.F.A.*

Resolution was submitted on motion of Messrs. Frey and Taylor that the time is now ripe for the establishing of a flour mill by the Alberta Wheat Pool. An amendment was submitted stressing the importance of completing Pool elevator program before taking up the question of milling, but urging that the committee pursue its investigations along the same

lines followed last year. This amendment was carried.

Grading by Weight

C. Jensen, Director for Lethbridge district, read a report on behalf of George Bennett, Director of Edmonton district, and himself, on a resolution submitted at the last annual meeting asking for the establishment of a grading system based on the weight of wheat per bushel. The report was adverse to the proposal and pointed out that the plan would be wholly impracticable. Weight per bushel is the most reliable index of the yield of flour that can be obtained from wheat, but the quantity of flour in wheat is only one of many factors which determine its value, the report stated. A grade which informs you only how much flour you can get from wheat and gives no idea of the type and variety of the wheat and the quality of the flour it contains is of little value. If our crops were free from damage and of uniform quality made up of types and varieties of good milling and baking quality, we could use weight per measured bushel as the basis of our grading system. But when we have all sorts of types and varieties every year, and various kinds and degrees of damage in most years and the quality of our wheat is dependent upon the presence or absence of many properties, weight per measured bushel can be considered only one of several important factors indicating the quality of our crop. Several agricultural societies in France have adopted a grain grading system based upon weight per measured bushel. However, despite the fact that the wheat produced in the regions where the system is practiced is very much more uniform in type and variety and quality than our wheat, the producers are already complaining that the farmers who produce very soft and starchy wheat get as much money as those who produce wheat of better quality.

A resolution recommending that Pool Elevators handle commodities as well as grain, introduced by C. A. Fawcett, seconded by Thos. Partridge, failed to gain the approval of the meeting.

A resolution suggesting an amendment in order to provide for substitute

delegates by selecting the candidate for the position with the second highest vote, was lost as was also a resolution submitted by George Biggs suggesting that no member shall be eligible for election as delegate for more than two years in succession.

Delegates' Meetings

E. A. Hanson submitted a resolution to provide for two delegates' meetings during the year—one in June and one in November. This resolution was voted down.

A resolution asking for the printing of all resolutions sent in by the locals in *The U.F.A.* some time previous to the annual meeting and also for the sending of a copy to all locals for discussion, was defeated. This concluded the Wednesday session.

At the Thursday afternoon session the secretary reported the result of the elections for the position of Director, the Board being re-elected in its entirety.

E. B. Ramsay, formerly Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, was introduced to the delegates. Mr. Ramsay is Chairman of the new Board of Grain Commissioners. He gave a brief talk expressing his regret at leaving the organization and outlining his plans in connection with the operation of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

George McIvor, General Sales Manager of the Central Selling Agency, read the report of that organization. This report was printed in the last issue of *The U.F.A.*

A resolution was passed expressing confidence in the Management of the Central Selling Agency.

Publicity in Europe

On motion of Messrs. Atkinson and Foreman, a resolution was submitted that a series of articles be prepared by the publicity department of the Canadian Wheat Pool for distribution in European countries, setting forth the reason for the Pool organization with a view to counteracting some of the propaganda circulated to the detriment of the Wheat Pool. W. A. MacLeod, Director of Publicity for

Should Accept Coarse Grains From All Wheat Pool Members

Pool elevator agents at all points should accept on storage basis from Wheat Pool members any coarse grains, whether in carlots or less than carlots, even though such Wheat Pool members may not have signed Coarse Grains Contract. In case of less than carlots being involved, Graded Storage Tickets should be issued and such tickets forwarded to head office and the Pool will arrange for such to be delivered to some grain commission firm, named by the shipper, for disposition on that day's street price, or arrange for Terminal Warehouse Receipt to be obtained and delivered, which would place the shipper in position of obtaining spot price as soon as warehouse receipt was available.

the Canadian Wheat Pool, addressed the convention, outlining some of the work which was being done by his department along the line referred to in the resolution. As a result of this, and a vote being taken the resolution was lost.

A motion submitted by Messrs. Hanson and Rafn, suggesting that publication of crop reports by the Central Selling Agency be discontinued, was lost when E. B. Ramsay stated that the publication of the reports by Central was the exception rather than the rule.

Delegates were favored by a brief address by A. J. McPhail, President of the Canadian Wheat Pool. Mr. McPhail stated that he was convinced the operation of the Canadian Wheat Pool had never been demonstrated to a greater advantage than during the past year, that the various Pools were in a healthy state, and a splendid feeling existed throughout the membership.

Insurance Subsidiary

J. H. Smith, manager of the Canadian Pool Agencies, Limited, subsidiary of the Canadian Wheat Pool, formed to handle the insurance business of the organization, submitted his report. Mr. Smith gave a lucid and interesting account of the work of his department. He dealt with various phases of the insurance business.

A. D. Wood submitted a resolution calling for sub-district conventions to be held after each election of delegates for the discussion of Pool matters in general. This resolution was lost.

The convention voted down another resolution which asked that the Department of Agriculture compel each thresherman to give correct returns of every bushel threshed for each farmer. The idea of this resolution was to permit the Pool to obtain the exact amount of the grain threshed each year by each Pool member.

Banking

J. K. Sutherland submitted a resolution asking that the Pool make a thorough and impartial investigation as to the advantages to be gained by acquiring a Dominion bank charter with a view to supplying its own credit for handling the grain of its members. Mr. Sutherland addressed the convention at length on this subject, pointing out the advantages to be gained by the Pool going into the banking field. E. H. Keith submitted an amendment to the resolution calling for the investigation to be made by the three Western Pools in preference to the Alberta Pool alone. The amendment was carried.

A resolution recommending that after all necessary elevators are built deductions be made for the purpose of establishing a co-operative bank which would be used to finance the initial payment on wheat; or be turned into a reserve fund for building a flour mill when the time comes, was lost.

Compulsory Pool

A matter of prime importance that was dealt with was the resolution to ask the Government for an act compelling all wheat producers to market their wheat through the Pool. This compulsory pool idea was defeated by an overwhelming vote. After the vote was taken, H. W. Wood, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Wheat Pool, addressed the convention and expressed complete disapproval of the compulsory pool idea. He said that he had never been able to gain a satisfactory idea of how a compulsory pool could be worked and asked why Pool members should be anxious to cast aside the successful vol-

untary Pool in favor of a compulsory pool, the success of which would be very doubtful. Mr. Wood stated that the Canadian Wheat Pool is the most successful mass movement of agricultural workers that has ever been known and the success has been achieved by patiently building up in the minds of these workers the idea that by their own united efforts they can market their products to better advantage. The Wheat Pool is the fulfilment of that idea, and it has more than justified its existence particularly in the past year and a half. It has held the price of Canadian wheat above world parity when no other power in the world could achieve that end. The way to gain strength for this organization, Mr. Wood intimated, was to show all grain producers that the Wheat Pool is run on strictly business lines and will continue to be operated in that manner.

Mr. Wood was tremendously sincere in his talk and took occasion to minimize the importance of his personal contribution to the movement. He said that no one man could take the credit for the formation of the Canadian Wheat Pools. As far as he could find out the idea was brought to birth in the Ural Mountains over 200 years ago, when a little colony of French farmers joined hands to market their product on a pooling basis. From then until now similar pooling organizations have been brought into being and have operated with varying success. The cause of most of the failures was the lack of complete understanding on the part of the membership of the basic principles of the pooling plan. In Canada the pooling idea has been brought to its highest state of perfection with the growth of the Wheat Pool in the Western Prairies. The steady progress of these Wheat Pools and the continued successes achieved from year to year does not in the slightest degree warrant them being thrown over for a nebulous and probably impracticable idea of a compulsory pool which would forcibly bring into the Pool ranks warring elements which might ultimately cause its downfall. Mr. Wood's sentiments were received with approval by the delegates.

Field Service

A motion was submitted recommending that the field service force be maintained at the present level and the convention spent considerable time in discussing the work of the field men. E. R. Briggs, superintendent of this department, was called upon to give a resume of the work done during the year. J. Jesse Strang, chairman of the field service committee, stated that field men had rendered invaluable service particularly in encouraging patronage of Pool elevators, in checking up non-deliveries, and in generally maintaining the morale of the membership. It was suggested that elevator agents could be trained to do the work of the field service during their spare time and an amendment to this effect was submitted by Messrs. Fraser and John Woods. The point was raised that field service men are most valuable when elevator men are the busiest, that is, in the fall of the year when the grain is being delivered. The amendment was defeated and the original motion was carried.

The convention considered the case of Jas. McDonald of Scotfield, who complained against the method of distributing excess elevator earnings, claiming that such method was contrary to the spirit of the contract and not compatible with co-operative principles, and requesting that the matter be rectified or that his contract be cancelled. The Board of

Directors had previously given their opinion that the points raised by Mr. McDonald did not furnish grounds for cancellation of his contract. The delegates' opinion coincided with that of the Board of Directors and a resolution to that effect was passed.

The re-appointment of Harvey & Morrison as auditors was ratified on motion of Messrs. Keith and Foreman.

Another resolution ratifying all accounts passed by the Board of Directors since the last annual meeting of delegates held in November, 1928, was passed by the convention.

Publish Election Results

The matter of publishing the results of the election for delegates was considered at length during the discussion of a motion to that effect brought in by Messrs. Hanson and John Woods. It was finally decided that each year following the election of delegates a report be published in the Pool's official organ—*The U.F.A.*—describing the method of counting the ballots and showing the number of votes for each candidate.

The directors presented a resolution which was moved by A. R. Brown and T. P. Baker that the bylaws be amended by adding thereto the following:

"No motion or resolution which if passed by the delegates will result in the unanimous repeal or amendment of a by-law, shall be introduced or considered by any meeting of the delegates unless: (a) a notice signed by a member setting forth in writing the general effect of such motion or resolution shall have been delivered to and left with the secretary of the Pool at the head office of the Pool at least 15 clear days before the meeting at which it is proposed to introduce such motion or resolution; or (b) the unanimous consent of the meeting of delegates at which it is proposed to introduce such motion or resolution shall first have been obtained."

Carried unanimously.

Elevator Plans

Consideration of the elevator policy for the coming year occupied some considerable time and the Board submitted a report outlining the Pool's position. A resolution fathered by Messrs. Johansen and Biggs calling for continuation of an aggressive elevator policy for the coming year was carried. The general feeling of the meeting was that the elevator system should be extended as far as possible with due regard to various factors which may present themselves from time to time.

A number of resolutions called for reduction in the cost of operating the elevator system during the present year and others called for the retaining of employees in districts having a light crop. Mr. Plumer read a report prepared by a committee of the Board outlining the proposals under consideration in respect to the situation. These proposals were approved by the delegates.

A motion submitted by Messrs. Maynard and Cates recommending that the Pool consult Pool locals when it was proposed to hire a man who previously worked for a line elevator company to operate one of the Pool elevators, was carried.

Another resolution carried was one submitted by Messrs. Popowich and Mawson recommending that Ukrainian operators be appointed with Pool elevators serving Ukrainian settlements.

A resolution calling for the installation of cleaners in elevators provoked considerable discussion. It was pointed out that cleaners cost approximately \$3,500

apiece and that their operation slows up handlings at the elevators, also that the proper place to instal cleaners is on the threshing machine. Finally the convention voted down the resolution.

A resolution recommending that operators of Pool elevators be allowed to act as agents for other pools, particularly the Livestock and Dairy, was defeated.

Farm Storage

The following resolution was carried:

"Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting any future farm storage paid for holding grain on the farm should be paid only on grain delivered to Pool elevators except at points where no Pool elevator is available, the same to become effective at the expiration of the present elevator contract."

A resolution recommending the issuing of a financial statement each year was withdrawn when it was explained that this is already an accepted practice.

A resolution asking that the Board present to the delegates at the annual meeting a budget of estimated expenses for the ensuing year was lost.

The convention voted down a resolution asking that the issuing of calendars be discontinued and the money used for building elevators.

The question of giving one-half of one month's salary as a bonus to Pool employees was considered when a resolution against the practice was submitted by Messrs. Brown and John Woods. Mr. Plumer on behalf of the Board of Directors explained that at times this was done instead of increasing salaries. Resolution was lost.

It was decided to print an explanation of the Wheat and Coarse Grains contracts in the Ukrainian language for distribution in the Ukrainian settlements.

Advocate Economy

The resolution submitted by Messrs. Hanson and Sutherland calling for the cutting down of expenses to the very minimum was carried.

The question of farm storage was brought up on the strength of a resolution submitted by Messrs. Mueller and Campbell, suggesting an increase in the amount of farm storage paid by the Pool. The resolution was defeated.

A whole batch of resolutions were defeated during the last session, including the following:

That cheques for elevator earnings be sent to individuals instead of elevator agents.

That directors be elected by a ballot of the members in place of the present system of election by delegates.

That all contracts be signed in duplicate, the member to retain one copy.

That a system of supervision of the expense accounts of the directors and delegates be installed.

That all appointments of all canvassers and supervisors be cancelled and the present delegates appoint new men for these positions.

Delegates' Remuneration

The remuneration for work done by delegates within their sub-districts will remain at \$5 a day and travelling expenses of 15c a mile when using car or team. Messrs. Hanson and Hallett submitted a resolution cutting down allowance per mile to ten cents. This was defeated.

The convention went on record as re-affirming the organization's objective of one hundred per cent voluntary Pool.

The convention was concluded 9:30 Saturday night, November 30th.

NATIONAL ELEVATORS

The Miller.—It is very gratifying to feel that the Government, through the person of J. H. Thomas, are alive to this serious and long standing necessity. But as was to be anticipated, the grain interests in Canada are showing strong opposition to the plan he formulated. They are eager enough for our Government to start the dangerous experiment of State purchase of wheat in bulk, but when it comes to a question of building our own elevators (thus finding useful employment) for storage of the stocks on this side, the prospects of such a price safety valve do not find much favor. Mr. Thomas must not be side-tracked. It is the elevators we want; wheat purchase in bulk can be undertaken later by experts.

Final Pool Payments Will Be Small

(From December 4th Broadcast)

In order that there may be no misapprehension regarding the Canadian Wheat Pool carryover from the 1928 crop which was announced last week as being 48,358,585 bushels, Pool members should understand that a very considerable percentage of the amount that will eventually be realized for this wheat has already been paid to them. The money has been borrowed from the banks on the security of this wheat. I am mentioning this for the particular reason that a rather over-enthusiastic newspaper correspondent in Winnipeg has figured out for himself that this 48 million bushels of carryover would mean a payment of 24 cents a bushel as a final payment. Of course every sensible person realizes that this is extremely ridiculous, but the unfortunate part of the news despatch is that the hopes of some who may have a less thorough understanding of the whole matter may be raised to an undue height. The final payment will be a small one, as those who have followed the trend of the market throughout the year must realize. I have no idea what the sum may be, myself, nor when it will be paid. Officials of the organization have a full understanding of the need of this final payment throughout the country, but feel that the most of the membership are behind the Pool in the stand taken this fall and willingly accept the inconvenience of a delayed payment in preference to the alternative of demoralizing the market price of Canadian wheat. They follow the stand the Pool has taken with a spirit of admiration and with the heartiest approval. Let me quote from a recent letter received from a Pool member at Acme which I believe represents the ideas of most of the Pool members of Alberta:

"In regard to the final payment for 1928, all I have to say is to hold on until you are darn good and ready to sell. I didn't hear of any great sympathy for the farmer from the European buyer all last spring when he was buying wheat below the cost of production. Those whom I owe money to will have to do as I am doing as nearly as possible—wait cheerfully and patiently."

Field Service News

George Chard, Pool fieldman, held a series of meetings as follows: Little Gem, November 14th; Naco, November 15th; New Brigden, November 16th, in

the afternoon; Sedalia, November 16th, in the evening. The average attendance at these meetings was around seventy. Mr. Chard reports that the Pool members are evincing more interest than ever in the operation of their organizations and the spirit among them is excellent.

Wheat Pool meetings were held at Milo, Queenstown, Shouldice and Arrowwood under the auspices of the various Pool Locals. All of these were in the nature of annual meetings. V. Bertrand, delegate for B-7, gave a short talk and discussed the resolutions. A very full discussion took place and the members advised the delegate very fully as to their opinions on various matters. E. E. Eisenhower, fieldman for B district, gave a talk on Pool matters and answered many questions. At Shouldice and Arrowwood lantern slides were used showing various phases of Pool activities. The lecture in connection with these was given by Mr. Pettinger, one of the field representatives. R. Armstrong, travelling superintendent, was present and discussed several matters relating to Pool elevators.

Three well attended Pool meetings were held in Halcourt, Elmworth and Rio Grande, on November 18th, 19th and 20th by E. H. Keith, Pool delegate from E-8 and the field service man, W. F. Grafton. Mr. Keith gave an interesting talk on business transacted by the Pool during the past year and discussed the possible subjects for consideration at the coming delegates' convention. Mr. Grafton gave an illustrated talk dealing with the history and science of co-operation as well as explaining the organization and some of the problems before the members today. The members were very much interested, and a general free discussion was entered into after each meeting. General satisfaction was expressed with regard to the policy of the Pool in holding back the carryover from 1928 in order to better the Pool average prices and at one meeting the members were agreeable to it being held indefinitely providing it was attaining the objective.

The members at Elmworth are keen to form a Pool local and are holding a meeting in the near future in order to organize and get in closer touch with their own business. Several new contracts were signed at this point.

Breach of Contract

During the past few weeks settlements have been made by the Alberta Wheat Pool with a number of members who violated their contracts and delivered wheat outside the Pool. The following settlements have been made:

Claresholm member.....	\$200.00
Member from Falher.....	10.00
Member from Drumheller.....	320.00
Member from Plain Lake.....	30.00
Two members from Mundare (apiece)	50.00
Member from Smoky Lake.....	10.00
Two members from Clyde (apiece)	100.00
Member from Kirriemuir.....	56.10
Member from Kaleland.....	90.00

The total of this list is.....\$1,016.10

THE MODERN GIRL

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"There are numerous theories, sir," she said.—*Galt Reporter*.

Survey of World Wheat Situation

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has recently issued an interesting statement in which the world wheat outlook is discussed. It is pointed out that the world's wheat supply is likely to be 360 million bushels less than last year, while on the other hand world visible supply is probably the largest on record. Congestion is particularly bad in the States, the report asserts, and the hurrying to market the 1928 crop by that country was reflected in the markets of the world. Dealing with the Canadian situation the report says: "The situation in Canada has been materially assisted by the strong hands holding the grain. Since 1924 the co-operative system of marketing by the producers known as the Wheat Pool has been in operation. This body during the crop year of 1928-29 handled 253 million bushels of wheat. The development of this organization has been an immense factor in stabilizing prices. Furthermore, it has naturally stiffened other agencies so that the marketing of other than Pool wheat has likewise been in stronger hands than formerly."

The report points out because of the situation Canadian exports of wheat during the three months ending October 31st have amounted to only 33 million bushels as compared with 95½ during the corresponding three months of last year. It evinces the hope that when the immediate effect of the early marketing of Canadian surpluses and the stocks carried over from last year's crop in the Argentine have been exhausted, there will be a continued demand for Canadian wheat which will rapidly dispose of the supplies now being held in this country.

The tremendous amount of wheat now on hand in the central markets of the world is due to the large carryover of old wheat, early harvesting in many areas, particularly in Europe, and the poor marketing of these crops. The large carry-over in the Argentine has particularly depressed prices and old wheat has been shipped for export in South America continually up to the present time when the new crop is about to be harvested. As the Argentine has no system of elevators or grain storage, it is more or less impossible to hold grain in that country.

News & Views

A sub-district convention of the Ribstone Wheat Pool Local will be held on January 8th. George Bennett, Director, will be the speaker.

An Old Country despatch dated November 29th says that ten thousand tons of Argentine grain stored in Liverpool has been sold on the continent.

The gross 1928-29 turnover of the Canadian Wheat Pool was \$288,097,071.09. A very large business made possible by co-operative effort on the part of 140,000 members.

Alex. Legge, chairman for the United States' Federal Farm Board has joined the Manitoba Wheat Pool. Mr. Legge has a farm in Manitoba and his tenant is also a member of the Manitoba Wheat Pool.

Farmer deliveries in Western Canada during the week ending November 29th

were 2,387,000 bushels as against 19,278,032 bushels for the corresponding week a year ago. A total of 188,082,000 bushels have been delivered since August 1st as against 359,181,340 bushels for the same period last season.

The Department of Agriculture for the United States Government, investigating the principal reasons for the higher prices obtainable for Canadian wheat, found that the Canadian crop was marketed more systematically and the Canadian carryover was considerably smaller than that of the United States.

Montana and North Dakota have farm storage laws which allow the farmers of these States to store their wheat on their farms in their own bins and receive storage warehouse receipts for it. These receipts are accepted by the intermediate credit banks and loans made on them to about 70 per cent of the value of the wheat.

Lake shipments practically terminated in the week ending December 6th. From now until April or May Vancouver will take care of the exports of Canadian wheat. There is an ample supply of wheat both East and West in position for quick shipment abroad and the early closing will not interfere with our foreign trade.

In Canada the farmers seem to be able to work out their own salvation without lavish government support. In the United States the plan is to tie the farmers' co-operatives up with the government. Though that nation garnered in vast wealth from the war, they are now embarking on a policy which in substance means doles for farmers.—*Vancouver Province.*

The monthly letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce intimates that the dumping of Argentine wheat has come to an end. It also predicts that Oriental demand for wheat will be strong during the next eight months. The letter estimates the Argentine crop at very little over half of that of last year and indicates a shrinkage of 50 million bushels in the Australian crop compared with 1928.

Farm and Ranch Review.—As we go to press, there has been a fairly substantial up-swing in the wheat market. Looking over quotations since our last issue, we find wheat quoted at 1.28½ at Ft. William on the 15th November, while today's quotations stand at 1.35 5-8. This is all to the good, and goes far to justify the Wheat Pool in its avowed selling policy. The general world situation is undoubtedly favorable to prices at higher levels.

Private estimates of the exportable surplus of the new Argentine crop runs from 75 to 110 million bushels as compared with some 245 million bushels from the last crop. Broomhall's agent is not prepared to cut the surplus below 148 million bushels. Threshing returns of the northern districts have been disappointing. The main harvest will be on in the Argentine around the third week in December and until then the total damage will not really be known.

Magazine of Wall Street.—The embattled farmers of the Western Canada Wheat Pool are defying the wheat buyers of the world markets. Millions of bushels for profit but not a cent for loss! If

A Matter of Exchange

It has been drawn to the attention of Head Office of Wheat Pool that exchange has been charged by certain branch banks in Alberta on express orders of \$1 which were recently remitted to Pool members as a refund of capital stock.

In making use of express orders in distribution of these funds such was done on distinct understanding that any chartered bank in the Province would cash same without charge.

Any Pool member who may have been charged exchange should advise same to the Wheat Pool, Calgary.

our Farm Board had more courage and vision, the American farmers would also be in the defiance—and in the money a little later. It is a refreshing spectacle to see a hundred thousand farmers, secure in their technical market position, calmly waiting for their turn to play.

European governments are doing all they can to improve domestic markets which have become depressed as the result of early harvests and rapid marketing of large amounts of domestic wheat. Poland is offering an export bounty of 18c a bushel. The French Government is reported to have ordered mills to use 97 per cent domestic wheat in all mill grinds. Germany is also insisting on 50 per cent of domestic wheat in mill grinds up to the end of January 1930.

The *Calgary Herald* says the rolled oat mills in Calgary, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Winnipeg are suffering severely from United States' competition. The Canadian market is being invaded by the American product, according to this newspaper, the explanation being that the price of oats across the border is lower than in Canada, which permits the American manufacturer to pay freight and duty and still undersell the Canadian output. There is a duty of 60 cents per hundred pounds on rolled oats coming into Canada and a tariff of ten cents a bushel on whole oats.

Toronto Mail and Empire.—The Canadian Wheat Pool has been, up to the present, a shining example of success in co-operation. It started under favorable circumstances, but a testing time seems to be coming because the ideas of buyers and sellers in the world's market continue to be so far apart. As the Pool refuses the prices offered, exports of Canadian wheat are away below normal and no change in the situation is in sight. . . . To carry millions of bushels of wheat over a long period will place a severe strain on the financial resources of the Pool.

Southwestern Miller.—At present, European millers are by no means satisfied that any useful purpose will be served by the proposed change (protein content grading); indeed, they are inclined to think it will be to the disadvantage of the buyer. The Canadian official (Dr. Newton) can put up a plausible case in favor of protein standards, but it is noticeable that the average European miller can expose several weaknesses in that case, and until those weaknesses are corrected,

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Interests of the United Farm Women

A New Year's Eve Discussion on Prohibition

A Magazine Article Wherein "The Author" and "The Professor" Marshalled the Arguments Pro and Con

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alta.

Dear Farm Women:

When looking over some old magazines the other day, I came across a piece which had very much interested me some five years ago and on re-reading it I find there is much food for thought in it.

At a New Year's Eve party the host and hostess and their two guests, the Professor and the Author, are discussing prohibition in the United States and the arguments for and against are rather interesting.

The Author protested first against prohibition being "put over" the people during the war, but his host explained what really caused it to be enacted was the necessity for sober workmen seven days of the week. Also, said the host, the workman's wife has, as one manufacturer put it, "tasted blood" and found what it was to have wages for payments on cars, on radios and luxuries undreamed of before and that she would never again consent to the old order of things.

Personal Liberty

The Author continued his protest against legislative destruction of old customs which every nation had and talked of the picturesqueness of "bottled sunshine", "blood of the grapes," etc.; and dwelt further on the fact that there was something in a man which demanded more than creature comforts; man needed excitement, something to enable him to escape the humdrum, the tedium of life. He needed a burst of hilarity, a breath of freedom, and Saturday nights at the saloons had offered the break. He protested against the curtailing of personal liberty and offered the solution of moderate drinking, "Teach Americans to drink as the Greeks do today, wine every where and no one drunk."

The Professor then took up his side of the argument. With regard to the poetic beauty of nut brown ale, the blood red wine, etc., he recalled sordid pictures he remembered in his life—a Vermont farmer surly and maudlin with cider jabbing his cow with the tines of his hay fork; another drivelling figure on the streets of Los Angeles; a New England street car with drunken students, one full length of the aisle; another stepping into the open shaft of an elevator. He recalled groggy alumni embracing one another hugely pleased to be drunk with men to whom they never speak when sober. He pointed out that customary drinking in America has been and is on the whole, not beautiful but ugly, disgusting and destructive. Americans, he said, are temperamentally hard to stop when they are started. Ninety out of every hundred feel a curious pride in "seeing the whole show," "sticking the thing out," in "going the whole hog". This temperament shows in their drinking as in everything else.

Then he pictured a Frenchman taking his glass of wine, sipping it, rolling it

under his tongue, another sip, holding it up to the light, another sip, chatting and so on for half an hour. While the American gulps down his glass like ice water.

The garage and the filling station, he pointed out, were taking the place of the saloon at the corners, and the car was providing the average American with an emotional discharge, with excitement and a mystical sense of fellowship between the owner of a Rolls-Royce and a Ford, and it provided this not only on Saturday night, but every day in the year.

Motoring and Sobriety

Also when roads are everywhere covered by people driving cars we have to insist that they be sober the same as we insist that the drivers of engines on the railways; personal liberty must be no longer the first consideration.

This is a very much condensed synopsis of a very interesting story, but since reading it I have been wondering if there is not a lot in it. Open saloons and bars have been tried with pitiful results in this new world. Are we in the new world temperamentally different and should we face the knowledge?

Whether we are from the Old World or the New, almost all of us who have reached mature years have known of someone whose life has been ruined and of saddened homes because of lack of self-control in the use of intoxicating drinks.

We who happen to have no desire to over-indulge need have no feeling of superiority over the person who lacks the control; our own lack of self-control probably shows in some other weakness. The only thing is that, realizing what a destructive agency drink has been through the ages, we want to avoid its degradations, its sorrows and harmful effects in the future.

The Remedies Offered

There are scores of remedies offered, from absolute freedom to obtain it on the one side, to absolute prohibition on the other. Is not the most effective and the safest remedy the building up of a sentiment against its use? The man who can so easily leave it alone is not giving up much for the sake of the man who is deteriorating mentally, physically or morally because he lacks the self-control at the moment when he really knows he has had enough.

Personally, I always feel the moderate drinker, the man who takes the occasional glass for company's sake, is a greater peril to the young boys of the day than is the hard drinker, for no sane boy looking at the man who is losing his health or his standing in the neighborhood, thinks of following in his footsteps. Rather he will follow the example of the other with the ability to stop when he wants to, but alack! the boy may not possess that happy gift and the usefulness of his life is impaired.

The most indifferent must realize that, on the whole, the effects of the use of alcoholic drinks are detrimental rather than helpful; humanity is not helped onward on its forward march by their aid. Too often we have seen physical and moral deterioration in their wake. As I said, is not the safest and most helpful thing to do to build up a sentiment against their use?

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Activities of the U.F.W.A.

Turin U.F.W.A. Local held a novelty dance in November, clearing a nice sum of money, reports Mrs. Geo. B. Rowley, secretary.

Mrs. Lettie Fowler, of Whitla, died suddenly at her home there on December 3rd, from heart failure. Mrs. Fowler, who is mourned by three sons, was a valued member of Excelsior U.F.W.A. Local.

Mrs. Stong, U.F.W.A. Director for Peace River North, recently organized Lake Saskatoon U.F.W.A. Local, near Wembley. Mrs. E. H. Hopkins and Mrs. Geo. Duncan were elected president and secretary respectively.

Welcome U.F.W.A. has decided to set the membership fee at \$1 and make up the balance from Local funds. After the last meeting, writes Mrs. E. Rear, there was a whist drive, held jointly with the U.F.A. Local. A series of whist drives has been arranged to be held every two weeks during the winter.

During the fall, Naco U.F.W.A. Local enjoyed visits from Mrs. D. Anderson, Director of the Acadia Federal C. A., and Mrs. Wyman, first vice-president. At the September meeting they had as their guests the Sedalia U.F.W.A., according to a report from Mrs. P. O. Ratledge, secretary.

Nose Hills U.F.W.A. Local at a recent meeting passed a resolution asking the Government to lower the telephone rates. They are of the opinion that if the rates were reduced more people could afford a telephone, but that in the dried-out districts people find the expense too great at present rates.

East Vegreville U.F.W.A. Local recently made a surprise party for one of their members, Mrs. M. M. Dunham, who is leaving the district, when a very pleasant evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. A serving tray was presented to Mrs. Dunham by her co-workers in the U.F.W.A.

"We have just had a very successful U.F.W.A. supper, program and dance, considering that it had to be postponed once and that the roads were bad," writes Mrs. R. F. Duffield, secretary of Spring Ridge U.F.W.A. Local. "We took in nearly \$100 at the door, and also made

quite a little from the Novelty Table and a quilt raffle."

At their meeting on November 27th, Helmsdale U.F.W.A. Local arranged to provide some Christmas cheer for two families who have had sickness and misfortune. Plans were made, also, to join with the Springburn W. I. in applying for one of the demonstration-lectures offered by the Women's Bureau, writes Mrs. E. M. Hobbs, secretary.

It was decided at the November 20th meeting of Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. Local to have next year a two-day course in home decoration and furnishing. Mrs. J. Aitcheson gave a paper on Current Events, in which were some very interesting items, and Mrs. A. Gillies gave a paper on Canadian industries. Mrs. Hooper, the hostess, served a dainty lunch.

Veteran U.F.W.A. Local met recently at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Perry, members responding to the roll call with a current event, states Mrs. Chas. Doyle. It was decided to sell the U.F.W.A. piano, which has been recently tuned and is in good condition, and that the secretary, Mrs. F. M. Cook, would receive offers. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Winnifred Ross, U.F.W.A. Director for Wetaskiwin, reports the organization of a joint Local at Winfield, with Mr. Hanbury as president and J. A. Woodbridge secretary. Later Mrs. Ross and H. G. Young, U.F.A. Director, organized Scott Local, also a joint Local, with J. M. Berdine president, Mrs. A. Golley, secretary, and Mrs. B. Carpenter convener of the women's committee.

A paper on Peace and Arbitration was read at the November meeting of Morrin U.F.W.A. Local, held at the home of Mrs. B. Davidson, reports Mrs. Neil MacLeod, secretary. Final arrangements were made for a tea and sale held December 7th. At the October meeting there was a discussion on the P.T.A. movement, and a committee was appointed to submit a program for next year.

The November meeting of Wellington U.F.W.A., held at the home of Mrs. A. Mercer, took the form of a social evening, writes Miss Elma P. Gudlaugson, secretary. A conundrum contest, games and cards occupied the first part of the evening; following lunch a short program was enjoyed, the contributors being Mrs. A. Mercer, Mrs. A. Dickson, Mrs. J. Callister, Miss Edna Turner, Messrs. Gudlaugson and Dave Turner.

"We're still alive after being dried out and hailed out," reports Mrs. Mapston, secretary of Midway U.F.W.A. Local. "Last December we held a raffle and raised money for convention expenses; in February we sent \$10 to the Red Cross. In April our Local was visited by Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Wyman, both ladies giving addresses. We cleared \$75 from our picnic, held July 1st; in October we had a three-day sewing demonstration, by Miss Tilley; also a fowl supper, clearing \$158 for the church. Last month we had a free lecture by F. T. Cook, of the Provincial Health Depart-



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The annual meeting of Rowley U.F. W.A. Local completed a very successful year; reports showed a balance on hand of \$143.23. Ten meetings were held during the year, at each of which a paper was read, or a demonstration given, according to a program arranged at the beginning of the year. A picnic arranged by the Local at McKee Lake in July was enjoyed by young and old. The following officers will guide the destinies of the Local during 1930. Mrs. R. G. Evans, president, re-elected; Mrs. E. J. Garland and Mrs. F. L. Burnett, vice-presidents, both re-elected; and Mrs. S. R. Hooper, secretary, also re-elected. The directors are Mrs. S. J. Thomson, Mrs. J. Lundal (both re-elected) and Mrs. R. C. Ellis, Mrs. W. H. Baldwin, Mrs. G. T. Morgan. Mrs. C. M. Gardiner was re-elected auditor.

Notre Dame U.F.W.A. Local held meetings each month during the past year in the members' homes. The program for the meetings included a paper on rural education in Alberta, by Mrs. G. Speer; health lectures by Misses Clark and Conroy, of the Public Health Department roll call, "How I Would Like to Improve the Community"; a talk on "Temperance" by Mrs. J. Henderson; talk on "Immigration" by Mrs. G. Speer, and a talk on the Peace. Palace at The Hague, also by Mrs. Speer. In addition, the Local arranged to plant trees and flowers in the school yard, held a community picnic and bazaar, several card parties and quilting bees. Serviceable quilts were given to several families, states Mrs. L. J. Devereux, secretary, and the Local is in good condition financially.

Very interesting discussions took place at the U.F.W.A. conference held in connection with the Pembina Provincial convention at Manola, although, owing to a sudden drop in the temperature, the number of women present was not large, writes Mrs. L. M. McGinnis. She states: a resolution on sex education, submitted by Westlock Local, was duly discussed and carried and one asking the Federal Government to abolish the support of cadet training was passed and handed to the general convention and finally to D. M. Kennedy, M.P., who is much in sympathy with the resolution. It was decided that our U.F.W.A. conference shall be held on a separate day to give time for speeches and discussions; the next one will be held at the home of our Director, Mrs. Etheridge, some time during the early summer. A collection was taken to defray the slight expenses; all then adjourned for lunch and later attended the general convention, where we sang 'In the Shade of the U.F.A. Tree' for the men's benefit. It was apparently much appreciated."

"Our Local is just closing a very interesting and successful year, with Mrs. Gregory president and Mrs. Wagler secretary," reports Mrs. Frona Wirt for Standard U.F.W.A. Local. "Several new members were added to the roll, and we can boast quite a good average attendance throughout the year." The year's activities included a millinery class, conducted by Mrs. Nye; serving of lunch after showing of Wheat Pool pictures; sponsoring of a baby clinic; sending of delegates to the Junior Conference, the Provincial conventions; and Serviceberry District convention; entertaining at the home of

Mrs. A. C. Lind, the Chancellor W. I. Standard W. I. Standard United Church Ladies' Aid. On this occasion Mrs. Warr and Mrs. Buckley gave interesting talks. In October the Local had a lecture by Miss Conroy on home nursing, and later a tea, in the dining room of the Banner Hotel. In November they served supper at a dance given by the Standard Skating and Curling Club, the proceeds \$56.30, being donated to the club. Early in the year a joint meeting was held with the U.F.A. Local, and a committee appointed to make plans for the building of a community hall. In July the U.F.W.A. arranged a dance in aid of the building fund, and raised \$296. Owing to adverse crop conditions, plans for the hall have had to be laid aside until spring, states Mrs. Wirt.

Mrs. Maud M. Widdup, secretary of Cayley U.F.W.A. Local, sends in the following account of the year's work:

"January: We met at the home of our president, Mrs. Beagle, where the program for the year was planned. February: We held our meeting in the evening, in the form of an old-fashioned party, at the home of Mrs. R. R. Chaffee. March: We held our annual U.F.A. dinner; members paying up their dues were admitted free. We lost money, but got a few new members. April: We met at the home of Mrs. G. McVicar; Mrs. Howard gave a very good paper on Health. May: We met with Mrs. F. Walker. This was a birthday party and we sent small silk bags to members, each to put in as many coppers as she was years old. We realized \$13.23. June: We met at the home of Mrs. Kellar. Refreshments were served under the trees. July: We held a lawn social at the home of Mrs. G. D. Sloane, with music, games, and ice-cream. We realized \$40.45. August: We met at the home of Mrs. H. D. Johnson, and the address of Dr. Warbasse was read and discussed. September: There was a large attendance, including 13 babies. Discussion centered around improving our Local. We met with Mrs. Wingate. October: Meeting at the home of Mrs. Robblee, we had a surprise visit from our Director, Mrs. Dwelle, and G. G. Coote, M.P. November: We decided to raise money for the Red Cross, so put on a supper and program, Mr. Coote being our speaker. We have \$45 to forward to the Red Cross. In December we will hold our annual meeting."

Seasonable Recipes

By AUNT CORDELIA

At this time of the year many women bake a good supply of cakes and cookies that will keep, with the double object of having something on hand to serve to callers and also of securing as much leisure as possible for themselves during the holiday season. With this in mind, Aunt Cordelia offers several reliable cookie recipes.

Grandma's Cookies: Two eggs, 1 cup butter, 1 cup white sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda, flour to make a dough just stiff enough to handle, roll thin and bake quickly. These should be cut with a crinkly-edged cookie cutter, kept in a tin box on the top shelf of the pantry, and served to children who come on errands or to visit.

Peanut Cookies: Cream together a scant half cup of butter and a half cup of sugar. Add 1 beaten egg and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk, then 1 large cup flour mixed with 1 teaspoon baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup

chopped peanuts (or peanut butter). Drop the batter from spoon on buttered tins; place a half peanut on each and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.—Mrs. Cassidy, Battle Beaver U.F.W.A. Local.

Ginger Cookies: 1 cup brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup molasses, 1 cup butter (or half butter and half lard makes crisper cookies), 1 teaspoon soda; boil together, stirring to prevent scorching. When cool, add 2 eggs and beat well; 1 teaspoon soda, a pinch of cream of tartar, a pinch of salt, 1 scant teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg. Mix stiff with flour. Flour the bake table and roll out, having your rolling-pin floured well. Fold up and roll out again. Cut the cookies a quarter inch thick and bake in a moderate oven. One of my best and most used recipes.—Mrs. E. Madsen, Lamont U.F.W.A. Local.

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U. F. A. Junior Activities

Watchword: SERVICE

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The Membership Contest and Other Matters

Dear Juniors:

Two prizes are again being offered at the next Junior Conference to Directors whose Constituencies show the greatest increase in membership from June 1st, 1929, to May 31st, 1930, in comparison with the corresponding period of last year. We ask each Local to appoint a membership committee and do all you possibly can to help your Constituency Director to win a prize.

Reading Course

You will be interested to know that there has been a considerable increase in membership in the Junior Franch during the past few months, and it looks as if there is going to be keen competition for the prizes.

We hope all Juniors are keeping in touch with the activities of Junior Locals through the Junior page in *The U. F. A.* and that you are following the Reading Course. If you have not yet started, Miss Montgomery, librarian, Department of Extension, University of Alberta, will be very pleased to tell you all about the books and how you can secure them.

Convention

Don't forget that the Senior Convention is to be held in Calgary, January 21st to 24th. Notice has been sent to each Secretary, and also resolutions coming before the Annual Convention, which we hope you will read and study.

We hope that your Local can arrange to send a delegate, and also we would be very pleased to have with us at that time any Junior visitors who can attend. Some Locals have advised that arrangements were being made to raise funds to pay expenses of delegates, and if your Local has not yet planned to send a delegate, we would suggest you call a meeting right away in order to discuss the matter.

The U.F.W.A. Convention will be held at the same time and in the same building, and delegates and visitors can attend either Convention. Very interesting and educative programs are being arranged, and during the week we are planning a get-together Junior Banquet.

We shall look forward to seeing a large number of Juniors present at the Convention.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and may the coming year be a happy and prosperous one for each of you.

Yours fraternally,

F. BATEMAN,
Secretary.

Among the Junior Locals

The Stanmore Juniors are helping the school teacher at Stanmore with the Christmas concert.

The secretary of Namao Junior Local, Hazel Ferguson, when remitting dues for 17 members, mentioned the Local is getting along nicely.

Francis Fry, the Junior Director for Athabasca Constituency, reports that the work of his Local is just as good as ever, if not better.

Julia Van Der Velde, secretary of the Dalemead Local, reports that they are now practising for a play called "The Absent Minded Bridegroom."

In remitting dues for new members, Walter A. Walker, secretary of the Claysmore Juniors, reports doing physical training and various athletics at their meetings, which are enjoyed by everyone.

At the last meeting of the Brownfield Juniors it was decided to open the meetings by singing "O Canada" and to close by singing "God Save the King." This Local reports that the sum of \$12 profit was realized at their recent dance. J. W. Bargholz is the corresponding editor.

The Sedalia Juniors held a very successful dance recently, and at their next meeting they are going to discuss the reading course with a view of having their delegates enter the contest. These Juniors, who have one of the strongest branches, intend to carry on their program the same as last year with debate and essays. The president of this Local is J. W. Dingwall.

The Flag Pole Juniors met at the home of Mr. MacDonald for the October meeting with full attendance. The program consisted of a lively debate on the subject "Resolved that we learn more by reading than by travelling." Travelling won. The following officers were appointed for the coming year: Robert MacDonald president; Walter Bredo, vice-president, and Mrs. Audrey Keeton, secretary.

Mrs. K. K. Nielsen, secretary of the Bar Harbor Hustlers, reports in a recent letter that they have their Local divided into two sides. Each side takes part in the entertainment of the evening, one takes the educational one meeting, and the recreational the next. At the raffle and masquerade dance on November 1st, Richard Johnson was the holder of the lucky ticket, winning a nice comforter.

The Mosside Juniors held their last meeting at the home of Mrs. Hawley, where they welcomed four new members into the Local. These Juniors are challenging an outside Junior Local to a debate on any subject they care to choose. They are also holding a debate among themselves, "Resolved that credit is a detriment to farmers." The President, Charles H. Rossman, gave a paper on "Social Life" and Allan Harner, who has left to reside in Edmonton, sent out a paper which was very much appreciated by the members.

At the last meeting of the Conrich Juniors, Mary Laycock was re-elected secretary. The roll call was answered by a joke, 21 jokes being told. Jean Whittaker then read an excellent paper on Co-operation, after which she was also elected treasurer. Margaret Johnston

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was elected president and Winston McElroy vice-president. Five directors were elected, as follows: Dorothy Barker, Robert Carlyle, Hedley McLaughlin, Dorothy McElroy and Pearl Johnston. The business meeting was followed by an hour of entertainment provided by Dorothy McElroy.

A number of the Junior members of last year are now at the School of Agriculture at Olds, where they have been successful in forming a Local. The first meeting was held on November 14th. Mr. Speakman, M.P. for Red Deer, was present and also Mrs. P. C. Hepburn and

Mr. Pye, Directors for Red Deer Constituency. Mr. Morrison, Staff Supervisor, called the meeting to order; then each of the speakers gave welcome hints as to the management of this unique Local. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Arthur Rasmussen, president; Mary Cameron (Jr. Director for Red Deer), vice-president; James Shaw, treasurer; Emeline Jones (Jr. Director for Wetaskiwin), secretary. Directors elected from the Freshman year were: Miss Agnes Linden, Donald McFadden, and Robert McDonald; Directors from the Sophomore year were: Miss Alice Barker, Frank Brewster.

There was a sign-up of forty-three members. A program of debates, membership drive, and events of a social nature were arranged. This Local is off to a good start, and should accomplish much in Junior work and for Junior ideals.

A FLOWING PEN

The teacher was examining Johnny's homework.

"Johnny" she said, "this looks suspiciously like your sister's writing."

"Yes?" queried Johnny. "Well, miss, you see, I used her fountain pen."—*Ottawa Citizen.*

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA EGG AND POULTRY POOL

The Turkey Situation

Much disappointment on behalf of producers is in evidence regarding the extremely low price levels for turkeys that are now being placed on the market.

Although the Alberta Poultry Pool is in no way responsible for the unusual prevailing market conditions, nevertheless the producers of turkeys can not help but be dissatisfied with this year's returns, and some of course will be inclined to place no small amount of the blame for such conditions on the Pool.

Although it is premature to arrive at conclusions until the turkeys are finally marketed, still the final returns can not be expected to be nearly as satisfactory as in previous years.

Many of the reasons and causes for such market conditions are now quite apparent, and when the facts are presented to the producer he can not but come to the conclusion that if there had been no Poultry Pool in the field, conditions would be much worse than they are.

Comparison with U. S. Prices

The prices advanced by the Pool this year are within about seven cents of last year's advance prices. However, the prices paid in Alberta compare very favorably indeed when compared with the prices being paid for turkeys in the United States. Prices across the line are in some cases over ten cents per lb. under last year's prices. Hundreds of cars are being shipped to the Chicago and New York markets and even threaten to flood the eastern Canadian markets.

A typical report from Texas illustrates the market conditions in the United States. The *Produce Dealer* of November 29th states: For the first time in the history of Texas there has been no cessation of activities by dressing stations after the dead line had been reached for Thanksgiving shipments. They were operating continuously and paying from 16 to 19 cents per pound for No. 1 turkeys delivered at their plants. Talk was general throughout Texas that turkeys would be cut to 16c per pound for the Christmas market.

The *Market Examiner*, of Calgary, states:

"The outlook for the turkey market is decidedly dull, for many jobbers state that they can hardly find a demand outside of the Province. This situation has been caused through a large crop in the United States having barred that market, and at the same time forced prices down, while the

purchasers in eastern Canada are hoping to get some of the cheap U.S. birds, and therefore are not buying in the West. Any orders which do come from the eastern part of the Dominion are expected to be limited, and will have to be filled at a low figure, or else possibly not at all. The birds which are arriving are in fairly good shape. It is expected that this limited outlet for turkeys may affect the demand for ducks, geese and poultry for the holiday trade, for if the former are cheap, housewives, hotels and restaurants will turn to them instead of the others."

Another report states that the probable output of Alberta turkeys for this year may reach 750 tons. When one stops and considers the dry climatic conditions that have prevailed both in Canada and the United States this year, one can realize how favorable this year has been for the raising of turkeys. A larger percentage of baby turkeys have reached maturity this year than ever before. Consequently the markets all over the North American continent are being flooded with turkeys. Buyers knowing this condition prevails are reluctant to buy except at absolutely safe prices.

Value of the Pool

The responsibility placed on the Alberta Poultry Pool is one that calls for the exploration of every possible outlet. No effort will be spared to dispose of the turkeys shipped to the Pool, to the very best advantage of the producer. Although it is early to estimate what the final results will be, nevertheless it was felt that this explanation of market conditions should be placed before the producer so that he might understand the marketing problem that is confronting us and also know that the producer has an organization in the form of the Alberta Poultry Pool which, through the Canadian Poultry Pool, is in daily contact with every available market, and that without such an organization market conditions for the producer of turkeys might be and likely would be far worse than they are at the present moment.

Egg Market Very Firm

With production of eggs at a low ebb in all Provinces other than British Columbia, the movement of storage eggs has been quite heavy during the past week and prices have been firmly maintained.

The feeling in the trade appears to be that prices have about reached the peak and that production will gradually increase in Eastern Canada. No break in quotations is expected for several weeks, however.

The storage egg situation appears to be in very healthy shape. Stocks are much lower than they were last year at this date and the movement into consumption is remarkably good. There has not been much change in storage egg prices during the past few weeks but the market is very firm. Some of the large operators are said to be pretty well sold up on their stocks. Evidence of this is the fact that some of them are in the market for supplies and this is giving a very firm undertone to the market. There is, and has been for some weeks past, a very active demand for storage eggs in carlots and some Western points are now reporting that stocks are being exhausted rapidly.

SIZING UP THE NON-POOLER

In common conversation the non-pooler farmer generally is referred to either as a simple-minded dullard of the old school, too calloused to grasp modern ideas; or as a hard-headed sponger, selfishly cashing in on the efforts of his fellow farmers.

In reality the non-pooler farmers seldom falls into either of these classes.

Nine times out of ten the farmer who does not belong to the Pool is as up-to-date and progressive in his ordinary farming operations as is the pooler. Nine times out of ten he is as generous and unselfish as his neighbors. There are exceptions, of course; but usually this is the case.

The trouble with the non-pooler—the reason he is not a co-operator—is that more often than not he has failed to investigate co-operative marketing. If he is prejudiced against the pool, it is simply that he has listened to one side of the story and failed to hear the other. If he is bitter because of some previous farm organization experience, it is simply that he has failed to realize that everything must have its experimental stage and that the co-ops. have now grown out of their swaddling clothes. And if he feels that he can take care of his own business to suit himself, he simply hasn't stopped to figure that every man can profit by the aid of others.

The non-pooler, the ordinary non-pooler, is generally a regular fellow just like the pooler. His only fault, co-operatively speaking, is that he has failed to fully investigate the pooling movement

and failed to look into what happens to the profits on his commodity when he turns it into the old-fashioned marketing channels. Editorial in *The Bean Market Magazine*, Denver, Colorado.

A New Canadian on the New School Bill

Had Delegates to Trustees Convention Studied the Bill?

A member of the Association who is a naturalized citizen of Canada familiar with school affairs in various new Canadian settlements, comments of the proposed new School Act in a recent letter as follows:

"At the last annual School Trustees Convention at Lethbridge the majority of the delegates present voted against adoption of the proposed School Act.

"But why? Did they study the proposed act closely? Did they understand it? Must they not admit that a body of men and women, selected from the teaching profession and pledged for their efficiency by the Department of Education (a part of our Provincial Government), is in a much better position to judge if a person is an efficient teacher or not and in what school a certain teacher is best fitted to teach?

"Can the average trustee be relied on to judge the ability of a teacher and to know just what kind of a teacher the school in question needs?

"If we are honest about it, we must admit that a trustee cannot do these things, and therefore should not be expected to do them.

"All other Departments of a Government are responsible for the success or failures of their domain (including the hiring and firing of their employees). Why should not the teachers be controlled by the Department of education just like the Civil Servants of other departments?

"The Minister of Education is right in saying that the new act will bring about a more stable teaching profession. Poor teachers will soon be found out and disposed of under the new act while good teachers will find more encouragement than before to stay with the profession.

"Naturally the salaries must be safeguarded directly by those who employ the teachers (engage and dismiss them) and therefore the taxation system has to be altered accordingly, which, however, does not mean that taxes must become necessarily much higher.

"I cannot see anything wrong with the new bill. It means better and more uniform education for our children."

CREOSOTING FENCE POSTS

At the Dominion forest nursery, maintained by the Forest Service Department of the Interior, at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, fence-posts of poplar, creosoted, have lasted from 1917 to the present and are still sound. Untreated posts, on the other hand, have rotted out in two or three years. Efforts are now being made to devise an apparatus for treating posts which will enable any farmer to set up a simple home treating plant at small expense.

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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE of the ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.

Central Live Stock Co-operative Absorbed by Canadian Live Stock Co-operative

Annual Meeting Held in Toronto Urges Livestock Grading—A. B. Haarstad and J. E. Evenson Represent Alberta on National Board

At the first annual meeting of the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative held in the United Farmers' building, Toronto, last month, it was decided to take over the business of the Central Live Stock Co-operative, Limited, which has been operating at the Union Stock Yards at St. Boniface, Man., as the marketing organization there for all stock originating from the three live stock co-operatives in the west.

Prior to this meeting, the directors of the Central Live Stock Co-operative, Limited, had reached the decision that it would be to the advantage of co-operative live stock marketing in Canada if the St. Boniface sales office was under the management of the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative.

It was in consequence of this that at last week's meeting of the national organization, the western concern offered to turn its business over to the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative and it was the unanimous opinion of the latter that the St. Boniface business be taken over at as early a date as possible.

This is the second live stock sales office to come under the direct control and management of the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative. The first office to be established was the one at Montreal. It commenced business September 1st last, when the sales organization of the Co-operative Federee de Quebec and The United Farmers Co-operative Company at Montreal were merged into what is now known as the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative.

Operations Encouraging

The first two month's operation of the Montreal office under the management of the national organization was so encouraging as to warrant further extension of the policy.

Other matters before the meeting were the transportation of live stock, the grading of live stock, as well as the grading of beef and the possibility of its developing an export trade.

In connection with matters of transportation a resolution was passed endorsing all stock cars equipped with movable partitions. Experimental work has been undertaken by the railway in this respect during the summer months. It was urged that this equipment be made a standard equipment in all stock cars.

It was the opinion of the meeting that the matter of grading of livestock and live stock products if brought into effect would definitely bring about improvement in the quality of our livestock and increase the demand for Canadian livestock not only at home but abroad.

Those attending the meeting were: W. D. Mackay, Moose Jaw, Sask.; A. B. Haarstad, Bentley, Alta.; J. E. Evanson, Taber, Alta.; P. E. Roblin, Govan, Sask.; Roy McPhail, Brandon, Man.; J. A. Munn, Carman, Man.; A. Meunier, Montreal; J. A. Parquet, Quebec; H. A. Gilroy, Alvinston, Ont.; H. B. Clemes, Toronto;

J. J. Morrison, Toronto; J. W. Graham, Moncton, N.B.

Present by special invitation were H. S. Arkell, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa, and Grant Thompson, secretary, Saskatchewan Live Stock Producers Limited.

Progress Exceeds Expectations

It was the unanimous opinion of the representatives of the different Provinces that the progress made during the past year of bringing about greater co-operation between Provincial live stock co-operatives had far exceeded their expectations and, consequently, they were looking for still greater accomplishments in the future. At the time of organization it was thought that one representative from each Provincial organization would be sufficient representation on a national board but, after one year's business, it was their unanimous opinion that the representation on the national board should be increased to two directors from each Provincial organization. The following officers were elected:

President, W. D. Mackay, Moose Jaw, Sask.; 1st vice-president, J. Arthur Paquet, Montreal, Que.; 2nd vice-president, J. W. Graham, Moncton, N.B.; treasurer, H. B. Clemes, Toronto; secretary, J. K. King, Toronto. Directors: Alf. B. Haarstad, Bentley, Alta.; J. E. Evanson, Taber, Alta.; P. E. Roblin, Govan, Sask.; Roy McPhail, Brandon, Man.; Dr. J. A. Dunn, M.P.P., Carman, Man.; H. A. Gilroy, Alvinston, Ont.; H. B. Clemes, Toronto; J. Arthur Paquet, Montreal; Arthur Meunier, Montreal; R. M. Elliott, Moncton, N.B.

Progress of Pool Sign-Up Campaign

The Alberta Livestock Pool sign-up drive is progressing favorably in the opinion of the directors, who have recently sent in reports on their observations while attending Livestock Pool meetings.

The sign-up in Southern Alberta has been especially successful. However, the drive has largely been left in the hands of the local boards and until returns are sent in to head office it is impossible to state the exact standing in regard to the new membership. The Provincial Board would appreciate having every local sign-up committee send in the results of their efforts without delay so that the membership standing may be brought up to date.

What Hog Grading Changes Means to Producers

Over the radio from Winnipeg recently, Les Hancock, of the Dominion live stock branch, gave a rather interesting address

on the new hog grading regulations and what they mean. His address was as follows:

"Hog grading, without question, has been responsible for noticeable improvement in the type and quality of the hogs being marketed. However, it has always been felt that the producers of the good hogs were not getting the benefit of their work, in other words, the good hog had to carry the poor hog. It must be admitted that this was somewhat the case when hogs were graded as 'selects' and 'thick smooths.'

"To overcome this difficulty and to try and get back to the actual producers the returns and grade for their hogs, the official grades of hogs were changed and the hogs divided into two main classes; bacon hogs and non-bacon hogs. The bacon hogs are of two grades, 'selects' and 'bacon' and include all the hogs of good type, finish and showing bacon type breeding. These grades also include the better end of what used to be the 'thick-smooth' grade. The non-bacon grades include all other hogs and the old style fat hog is discounted. This new arrangement of grades when fully understood, I am sure, will meet with general approval, as it is without doubt much fairer to the producer of good hogs.

Shipping Regulations

"So much for the new grades. The regulations governing the grading of hogs were also amended with a view to getting back to the producers' correct returns for the hogs marketed. In the past many farmers never knew how their hogs were officially graded, and it was not uncommon to hear criticisms from such farmers. Since September 16th of this year, it has been necessary for every shipper of hogs to provide a manifest for every shipment, listing the names and addresses of every farmer from whom he procures hogs, and also the number of hogs from each farmer. If hogs are bought by the shipper, he must show the grades of the hogs that he bought. His grading is then compared with the official grading. If it should happen that any wide difference showed up in the grading, it is possible to insist on the hogs being marked to insure the correct returns going back to the farmer.

If the hogs are not bought outright, they are marked and shipped either on commission or in a co-operative way. Under these systems, the correct returns for the different grades can be made. As producers, you should familiarize yourselves with the changes that have been made in order that you may know the class or grade of hogs that you market.

Pool Brevities

Co-operative marketing, to be successful, must in its success eliminate some privately owned distributing agencies; otherwise they will not be rendering any service that will be of an economic benefit to both producer and consumer.

In doing so co-operation will naturally meet with strenuous opposition from such agencies and this condition must be faced by those who advocate co-operative mar-

keting as one of the solutions of the agricultural problem.

A meeting of the Canadian beef grading committee was held in Toronto recently and it was decided that the grades already decided upon should remain on trial for another year so that they may be tested out every month before any revision of them be considered. It was further decided that packers be urged to grade and brand all beef falling within the grades, choice and good, in order to arouse interest amongst the consumers.

It is right that farmers should control the selling of the products made in the sweat of their faces. They cannot survive economically, they cannot escape peasantry unless this is done. No class can long retain its independence if it must say, "How much will you take?" whenever it has anything to buy and "How much will you give?" whenever it has anything to sell. And the only way farmers can get a hearing in either case is by organization. Acting as individuals, their pathetic futility will only be laughed at.—*Farmers' Federation News.*

It is well that co-operation, even of the forceful modern pattern, has been accepted as a going institution of present day business. Co-operation is simply a special means of organizing an industry in large units for the purpose of securing the greatest possible efficiency of operation. We could not have transportation efficiency until a host of short link, branch lines, "jerk-water" railway companies, and terminal units were brought into great systems, and the process of merging is still going on. Industrial consolidation, banking concentration, chain stores, and great corporations of every sort are part and parcel of the established and accepted scheme of business progress and efficiency. But there are still other lines of business which though still characterized by small individual units of production are nevertheless able to increase their efficiency if means are available to organize for the performance of certain common functions under some strong but flexible scheme of operation. Of such industries agriculture is the chief.

PIONEER SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

Mr. F. McDonald of the Alberta Livestock Pool, speaking at a district Association meeting at Big Valley, according to a recent issue of *The U.F.A.*, stated his Local had formed the first co-operative Shipping Association on the continent. I don't think Mr. McDonald is very well up on his ancient history or else he has reference to prehistoric history. Of course *The U.F.A.* didn't mention any dates, so how are we to know but that it is modern history he had reference to.

I am enclosing a little bookiet, bylaws and general rules of the U.F.A., Red Deer Co-operative Association, dated October, 1909, which I understand was in operation a couple of years before this. The association of that year, I understand, handled nearly all the livestock, hay and grain of this district to the extent of nearly a quarter million dollars, and by the way, it was operated on a contract basis.

Mr. McDonald mentioned a Government pork packing plant. Lest we forget the work done by the old U.F.A. war horses, we should have a little of the ancient history in regard to packing plants. The shipping associations of

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Yours truly,

HUGH BOWER.

Red Deer, Alta.

WHEAT POOL NEWS

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the change is not likely to receive much support.

Buyers appear at present to be under the impression that the Canadian Government is less under the influence of scientific than mercenary motives in this particular matter.

The Minister of Internal Revenue appealed against the judgment of the Exchequer Court of Canada which last spring decided that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool was not properly the subject of income taxation. The point was argued on December 9th before the Supreme Court of Canada. The co-operative organization contended that as their excess earnings go back to the farmer members the Pool is not taxable. This matter is of interest to Alberta Pool members as judgment in the Saskatchewan case will more or less affect the Alberta Wheat Pool.

The Port of Montreal has handled only 30,000,300 bushels of wheat since August 1st as against 142 million for the same four months of 1928. That port faces the close of navigation with a shortage of nearly 112 million bushels in its autumn wheat shipments, with 15 million bushels in store and 30 boats lying in the harbor. The average of autumn shipments from Montreal for the past seven years is 120,000,000 bushels. If the size of the crop is considered, the normal figure for this year would be 84 million bushels. The actual shipments made therefore are 54 million bushels short of what might have been expected from this year's crop.

The *Daily Herald*, British Labor newspaper, demands the Government should put in force some scientific system of buying and selling wheat to eliminate the vicious paradox of abundant harvest and bursting granaries while the British consumer is paying fancy prices for bread and Canada and the United States are holding up huge supplies of wheat until the vicious circle brings around again scarcity and higher prices. The *Herald's* complaint is not directed against the producing countries. It states: "It remains for countries like Great Britain to take complementary action and set up some sort of national import board to buy wheat in bulk on long term credits."

The record of the Wheat Pool in the handling of last year's business is one

out of which its officials and signatories can take great satisfaction, says the *Edmonton Journal*. Though there was an enormous Canadian yield \$1.18 a bushel for 1 Northern on the Vancouver basis has already been paid and the final payment is yet to be determined. When it is considered that only \$1.01 in all was obtained for the 1923 crop which was smaller than that of 1928, it can fairly be claimed that the co-operative organization is proving a large factor, as it has developed its strength, in stabilizing the market and in securing a larger profit both for its own membership and for those farmers who have remained outside its rank.

While it is encouraging to read that in a most peculiar marketing year the Pool was immensely successful in its marketing operations, still greater satisfaction arises from the reference to educational work, said the *Calgary Herald*, in a recent issue. There is mention made of activities in agricultural and rural schools, campaigns for better seed and for weed control, and inauguration of junior field crop competition. These are activities in which the management of the Pool does well to interest itself. The best assurance for future success of the Pool is to be found in widespread dissemination of the principles of co-operation among the rising generation. It may never be possible to make the present generation of working farmers co-operatively minded but if there is concentration of effort on the rising generation there will be a good chance that maximum success in co-operation will be achieved in the generation of workers now coming on.

The *Winnipeg Free Press* points out that the two great Canadian railway systems are dependent to a larger extent than they have hitherto admitted upon the Western grain traffic for profits. The *Free Press* points out that more than once the spokesmen of both systems have stated the Crow's Nest rates were unprofitable. During the present fall the presidents of both railways have issued statements making it apparent that both railways depend upon the grain for a large part of their net profits. The *Free Press* intimates that with a light crop it had looked forward to the railways being relieved of the expense of hauling the Western grain at unprofitable rates, but things haven't worked out that way. In the short space of two months the railways have seen their net earnings reduced by almost ten million dollars. The time-worn legend that the Crow's Nest Pass freight rates are unprofitable has been nailed into its coffin once and for all, the *Free Press* states.

"NIVER A DUNNER"

Pat Healy was driving a load of hogs past the Pool elevator at Sexsmith the other day when the Pool agent stopped him.

"Hey Pat, hold up a minute, I've a cheque from the Pool for you."

Pat looked at the cheque for terminal earnings and a broad grin spread over his map.

"Damn it, the Pool is the best friend I ever had; they are always sending me little presents by cheque and never send me a dunner."

"Go on there, step up, and let's unload these hogs to the Livestock Pool, more power to them!"

Advisory Weed Board Prepares Plan

Field Supervisors to Commence Work January—Chemical Weed Killers

At a meeting of the Alberta Advisory Weed Board held in Edmonton recently a review of the past year's activities of the Board was presented by Mr. W. J. Stephen, and in the discussion which followed plans were laid for the continued work of the Board during 1930.

It was decided that the campaign known as "Weed Week" carried on last season might be put on at the same time as "Better Seed Week" in the spring of 1930. The Board also recommended that a Weed Inspector's Course be held again at the University early in 1930.

The suggestion was adopted that a number of field supervisors be engaged for a period of six weeks commencing early in January next to hold weed meetings throughout the Province.

A number of amendments in existing weed legislation were considered and will be passed on to the Government as recommendations from the Board.

A comprehensive report was presented by W. G. Smith who, under the supervision of W. J. Stephen, has been in charge of an exhaustive series of experiments for the Department. These were conducted at various points in the Province the past season to determine the effectiveness of a number of the chemical weed killers which have been placed on the market. After hearing this report and as a result of their own experiences along this line, the members of the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution which may be considered the official statement of the Department of Agriculture on this question:

"BE IT RESOLVED that we as members of the Alberta Advisory Weed Board, after reviewing the series of experiments conducted during the past season by the Department of Agriculture, go on record as being of the opinion that certain chemicals which are now on the market in this Province have a definite value as a control measure in checking the spread of noxious weeds.

"We are further of the opinion that, so far as can be determined by these experiments, those chemicals which contain chlorates as the active principle are more effective than those of which the active principle is one of the sulphates, nitrates or chlorides. We feel that the use of chemicals containing chlorates can be recommended as a control measure on patches of perennial weeds where cultivation is difficult, or on patches found on ditch banks, around lakes, on road allowances, and in general on waste places where cultivation is impossible.

"We are of the opinion, however, that where thorough cultivation can be carried out, the use of chemical weed destroyer is more expensive and less effective."

The National Research Council of Canada has agreed to undertake the direction of experimental work in connection with the whole matter of chemical weed destroyers. The Department is informed that negotiations are now under way between the National Research Council and various agricultural experimental stations throughout Canada with a view to arranging a comprehensive set of experiments to be conducted by these various stations. The Department has

therefore decided to await the results of these experiments and the finding of the Research Council, before pronouncing definitely on the effectiveness of any particular chemical weed killer.

Those present at the recent meeting of the Alberta Advisory Weed Board were: H. A. Craig, Chairman, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Edmonton; Geo. Bennett, Mannville; R. B. Matheson, Department of the Interior, Edmonton; H. E. G. H. Scholfield, Vice-President U.F.A., Calgary; Clyde C. Gillies, R.R.2, Strathcona; Frank Reed, Superintendent, Experimental Station, Lacombe; H. W. Bright, Macleod; W. J. Stephen, Secretary, Field Crops Commissioner, Edmonton.

ENGINEERS AND CREDIT REFORM

The Council of the Institution of Production Engineers at its meeting recently passed this resolution:

"That the Council of the Institution of Production Engineers welcomes the decision of the Government to appoint a Commission representative of the interests of industry as well as banking, to inquire into the question of banking policy.

"It trusts that steps will be taken to secure that the flow of bank credit will in the future be regulated according to the relation of productive capacity to real demand, as distinct from monetary demand, and will not be governed, as at present, by the erratic production and movements of gold following from accidental discoveries, and from fluctuations of the exchanges which may be due, as during recent months, to merely speculative money market transactions."—*Sunday Times*, London, Eng., October 20th, 1929.

Correspondence

THE NEW ECONOMICS

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

It is evident that most of our leaders in all of the farmer movements of Canada still believe that the more important problem in immediate need of solution is to distribute fairly the wealth of the community—that is to give an equal share of the goods and services produced to each member of society, to take from the profiteer and wealthy and give to those having a lower standard of living.

This viewpoint, while but a superficial one of the functioning of society, appears near to the truth of the matter, but should we search closely into the workings of the different parts of our present-day social machinery, we fail to see how much can be done by the application of this viewpoint towards bringing about a remedy for the many social troubles that today exist.

Money has a most important part in the matter, and all money is distributed by way of wages, salaries and dividends. The total income of the community is made up from these sources. Our statisticians tell us that the average income of all classes of people in Canada is near to \$1500 per year (not worth while debating the matter). Thus today's income, on a basis of equality to all, will give but a poor standard of living.

Another angle of the subject is that all of the wages, salaries and dividends of the nationals is not equal to meeting the requirements of the producer of goods and services—goods and services that must be sold at a price to include all costs of manufacturing, etc. With the profiteer

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and the middleman eliminated, this state of affairs would still continue to exist. A substantial piece of evidence to prove this analysis, at least near to the truth of the functioning of society, is the almost warlike competition that is found in every business channel in the land. A person can scarcely move out of doors without being waylaid by some high pressure salesman endeavoring to unload something upon him.

The real force behind the salesman is factory and farm pressure to recover costs of production. Should my reader wish to pursue further this slant of economics, I would like to suggest that he peruse carefully a book by C. Marshall Hatterley, M.A., LL.B., *This Age of Plenty*.

C. H. MacFarquhar.

Cremona, Alta.

[Note.—This book may be ordered from the U.F.A. Central Office, price \$1.25.

TWENTY PER CENT INTEREST

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

I would like to draw the reader's attention to what appears to me a great injustice done, to those people who bought cars last spring with a payment down and the balance due this fall. In the first place, I do not believe more than half the people who bought them realized that if the car was taken away from them this fall and sold to the highest bidder, they themselves were responsible for any difference in the price owing, and the price the cars were sold for. I believe the law dealing in motor cars should be the same as other farm machinery. The only security should be the car itself and when taken back they cancel the debt. I just wish to give one illustration of a car that has been brought to my attention.

A farmer bought a car on June 7th, 1929, for the sum of \$1607.80. For the first payment he turned in the car he had, for which they allowed \$950; also he gave his note due November 1st for \$657.80.

The farmer had a poor crop and asked for a renewal of the note. They wrote back stating they would be pleased to renew under the following condition, and hoped he would show his appreciation by attending to it at once: Conditions—Pay this fall \$300 cash and a cash renewal fee of \$62, a note due 1st April for \$57.80, balance October 7th for \$300. Which works out at more than 20 per cent interest.

If these cars are so worn out at the end of second year that they cannot be considered as security sufficient to carry a note at a reasonable rate of interest, then the sooner we pay cash for our cars the better for us all.

Yours truly

B. C. LEES,

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Edgerton, Alta.

We are obliged to hold over much correspondence including some very lengthy letters containing arguments for and against the proposed Education Act.—
Editor.

Ask Investigation re Long Term Loans

The Board of the Settler U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association recently adopted the following resolution, which they ask to have brought before the

Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in January:

"Whereas considerable dissatisfaction exists in the Province with the present Canada Farm Loan Board and its method of operation,

"Be it therefore resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to make a thorough investigation into this whole question of long term credits, the mental attitude of the members of the Board in regard to this whole question, and its proposed policy of operation, and

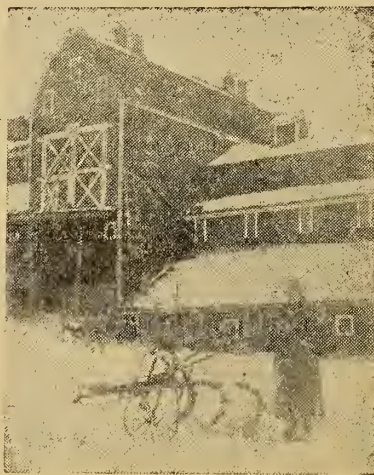
"Be it further resolved that, as soon as this investigation is finished, a concrete statement of policy of the Board in regard to the operation of the Act in this Province be published in *The U.F.A.*"

Increase Was 50 to 200 per Cent

W. D. Trego, whose article on the deep tillage system appeared in our last issue, has written to point out that increases in crops made possible by the adoption of this system have been, according to the expert he quoted, 50 to 200 per cent and not 50 to 20 per cent only, as through an error in printing these figures were made to appear. He continues:

The 200 per cent may seem overdrawn and when I was copying the figures I hesitated about making them as strong as they were printed in the literature from which I was copying, but on looking over other reports I found where one farmer in Southern California claimed that one of his fields which was divided and part worked by this system and

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part by the old plowing method had given 12 bushels by the old method and 40 bushels by the deep tillage method.

Although there were the pictures of both parts of the field, I could hardly have believed it until I saw the results of a slight difference in the amount of moisture which can be made on a crop of grain.

Two Stubble Fields

Last spring I had two stubble fields lying side by side with only a fence between which had been combined the fall before and I wanted to seed both fields again this year after burning the heavy stubble which was left for the

winter to hold the winter snows on the land.

In the early part of April when I was nearing the completion of my seeding on my summerfallow lands, it looked very much like storm one evening and the wind was favorable for burning the North field so I decided to burn it while I could so as to be sure of having it ready when the drill was ready to start on it.

That night we got a light fall of very dry snow and it blew off the burned field and filled the stubble to the tip, about knee high, just across the fence, and the drift tapered off from the fence out for about 150 yards.

Later I burned this stubble and seeded it just the same as all the other, by drawing an inthrow disc with the single disc drill hitched behind and the packers behind that.

This worked up a very good seed bed to a depth of 2 inches to 2½ inches deep, but the ground was so firm underneath that the moisture had no chance to settle down away from the surface to any depth; it was breaking which had not been backset.

At harvest time the wheat along where the drift was the deepest was about 2½ feet high and fully twice as thick as the parts of the field which received no extra moisture, as the grain had enough extra moisture when it was stooled that it stooled out well, and the heads were well filled right up to the top, and it gradually tapered off out from the fence just as the snow had tapered off.

As nearly as I could judge the thickest part of the strip would have yielded around 18 to 20 bushels per acre, while out beyond where the drift extended it was about 8 inches to 12 inches high and averaged between 6 and 7 bushels per acre.

This will show just what difference a trifle more moisture will do for a crop when its very life is depending on moisture.

I would also like to add the following excerpts from some of the claims of the experts who have been making a careful study of this system, which will give your readers a better idea of the disadvantages of the plowing system and the benefits of this system.

"There is a popular idea outside of laboratories that soil bacteria are some kind of 'bug'.

"It should be remembered that these organisms have a growth similar to low forms of plant life.

"They are extremely sensitive to light and are not found on the surface for the reason that they are killed by sunlight as in the case when the turned-up plow furrow expose them.

"Neither can they live far below the surface unless a supply of organic matter, moisture and air are within reach."

These statements, if correct, would prove that we are destroying millions of these bacteria every time we turn a furrow up to the sun; that by simply loosening up the soil we are creating just the conditions which these bacteria need to allow them to multiply and continue we work for us.

As the subsoils are broken up into small lumps and opening up cracks, the fine soils from the surface are allowed to filter down and carry these bacteria with them as well as the organic matter spoken of above, and the air with it, and after allowing time for the air to act on the lumps and put them in condition so they will break up easily, the moisture follows the air and by the time the top soil is dry enough to work the following spring it is all in an ideal condition to work into a good seed bed.

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Would Mr. T. Hodgson, who recently forwarded a letter apropos the death penalty, please send his address to *The U.F.A.* office?

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Resolutions for the U.F.A. Annual Convention

We publish below a further list of resolutions submitted for the consideration of the U.F.A. Annual Convention.

FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Containers of Food Products

Be it resolved, that the Dominion Government enact legislation that will require the containers of all food products to be plainly marked with the name of country of origin.—*East Calgary Federal C. A.*

Relations With Russia

Be it resolved, that this Convention urge the Dominion Government to open negotiations with a view to resumption of diplomatic and trade relationships with Russia.—*East Calgary Federal C. A.*

Recognition of Canadian Citizenship

Whereas, Canada is admitted to be a nation within the British Commonwealth, with equal status, and Whereas, in recognition thereof we have been admitted to the Council of the League of Nations, have ambassadors in various countries, and have signed the Kellogg Peace Pact in our own right;

Therefore be it resolved, that hereafter Canadian citizenship be recognized as sufficiently denoting the status of those qualified thereto by birth or naturalization.—*Calgary U.F.A. Conference, July, 1929.*

Grading of Manufactured Products

Whereas, we believe that the consuming public should have some protection against selfish and unscrupulous manufacturers who make and sell inferior and adulterated products;

Be it resolved, that we ask the Dominion Government to appoint a committee to inquire into the practicability of grading all products offered for sale in Canada.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Oriental Immigration

Resolved, that in view of the very serious situation created in British Columbia and to a certain extent elsewhere in Canada, owing to the competition of Asiatics, no more Orientals of whatever nationality shall be allowed to settle in Canada and that no Oriental shall hold title, directly or indirectly, to any land, nor shall any land be leased to him, directly or indirectly, for any longer period than one year, and further that he shall not hold shares in any company or corporation which is a holder of any Canadian land, reasonable compensation being paid to present Oriental holders of land, they being allowed a term of years in which to liquidate their present holdings.

We strongly urge the adoption of this resolution, knowing the trouble Australia has had and still has with Oriental labor, and also with the knowledge that wherever the Oriental is, there will be opium and narcotic drug smuggling, it being utterly impossible with any reasonable police and custom forces to prevent or combat this evil with any degree of success.—*Wetaskiwin Provincial C. A.*

Immigration

Whereas, the immigration policy of the Dominion Government has always been to secure only the type of immigrant who would be willing to work and settle on the land, and

Whereas, the present production of wheat is more than enough to meet the needs of the world and any further increase can only tend to depress values below the cost production;

Be it resolved, that no further effort be made to secure the farmer type of settler but that the policy should be to try to get approved professional classes to come to Canada so that surgical, medical and other services which present residents often find difficult and costly to obtain be made more readily available.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Immigration of Mennonites

Whereas, news items appearing in the press during the past few weeks bring the information that our Government is considering the proposition of bringing into the country a large number of Mennonites, and

Whereas, it appears that these people have for four hundred years steadily refused to adopt modern customs and become members of a progressive, democratic society, but have through all these centuries maintained their sixteenth century habits and customs;

Therefore be it resolved, that this convention oppose the importation of these people, and

Be it further resolved, that we ask our law-makers to study carefully the communistic habits of these people for the purpose of limiting their growth and expansion in this country.—*Lethbridge Federal C. A.*

Assisted Immigration

Resolved, that this Convention go on record as being opposed to all assisted immigration and until such policy is discontinued by the Federal Government that no assisted immigrants be allowed to come to Canada as farm laborers unless the nominator guarantees at least twelve month's work at stated wages, and that said nomination be approved by the Government of the Provinces in which said nominator resides.—*East Calgary Federal C. A.*

Immigration

Resolved, that we go on record as being strongly opposed to any Government assistance, either Federal or Provincial, to immigrants whose object is to go on the land.—*Innisfail Provincial C. A.*

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

Power Resources

Whereas, we believe that the electrical power resources of Alberta should be developed under Public Ownership and control both as to generation and distribution;

Be it resolved, that we urge upon the Provincial Government the importance of immediate action.—*Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.*

Power

Whereas, we believe that the question of power is of the greatest importance to the future life and welfare of the people of the Province and particularly those who live in rural parts, and

Whereas, we view with alarm the fact that powerful influences are at work to get control of the power sources, and

Whereas, it is eminently desirable that this utility should be conserved in the best interests of the people as a whole, and not permitted to be exploited by private interests;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Provincial Government be urged to take certain and determined action towards the development of Hydro Electric and other forms of power with as little delay as possible, and

Be it further resolved, that we ask the U.F.A. organization throughout the Province to stand firmly behind the establishment of electrical power as a public utility in this Province, and

Be it further resolved, that we request a representative of the Alberta Provincial Government to explain to this Convention what steps are being taken to safeguard the rights of the people in connection herewith.—*East Calgary Federal C. A.*

Hydro-Electric Power

Resolved, that we again ask the Provincial Government to seriously consider the establishment of hydro-electric power in the Province under government control.—*Camrose Provincial C. A.*

Hydro Electric Power

Believing that further postponement by the Provincial Government of the development and control of hydro-electric power can redound to the interest and profit of a few individuals and private corporations only;

Be it therefore resolved, that this Convention is strongly in favor of the immediate acquisition and control by the Provincial Government of those plants now operated by private companies, as well as the ownership and control of all Alberta power sites to be developed in the future.—*Lac Ste. Anne Provincial C. A.*

Power Resources

Whereas, private interests are concentrating to control the power resources of the Province, and

Whereas, the effect of their success would not be beneficial to the public;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention urge upon the Provincial Government the necessity of early action towards a Government operated power scheme.—*Battle River Federal C. A.*

Wrong Resolution Was Sent In.

A resolution on the power question opposing public ownership appeared in the November 1st issue of *The U.F.A.* as having been passed by the Coronation and Ribstone Provincial C.A.'s. Through an error the wrong resolution was forwarded to the Central Office by the associations, for publication. The one which the convention actually passed is given below:

"Resolved, that this Convention is of the opinion that the Province of Alberta should keep its face definitely turned towards public ownership of power and should gradually undertake development at such times as financial and other conditions are opportune."

Cadet Training

Be it resolved, that an effort be made to open teacher training courses for physical education, divorced from all military control in all our large university centres. That Federal funds now used for cadet training should be applied to furthering physical education for boys and girls and that both technical and physical education be taught and the funds administered under the control of Departments of Education.—*Oskotske U.F.W.A. Local.*

Health Certificates Before Marriage

Whereas, we believe it is necessary for the protection of public health, that all persons contemplating marriage be in a healthy condition;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Government pass the necessary law to compel persons desiring to marry to produce satisfactory health certificates before securing a marriage license.—*Little Bow Provincial C. A.*

State Medical Service

Be It resolved, that the Central Executive be instructed to make a full investigation into the feasibility of State medical service in all its branches.—*East Calgary Federal C. A.*

Travelling Clinics

Resolved, that this Convention compliment the Provincial Minister of Health on the splendid services now being extended by Travelling Clinics and recommend the extension of these services.—*East Calgary Federal C. A.*

Price of Coffins

Whereas, the price of coffins is very high compared to the actual cost of production, and

Whereas, this works an undue hardship on many to bury their dead, and

Whereas, we all have to die;

Be it resolved, that the Government be asked to take on the business of selling caskets to the people of this Province at a price near their actual cost.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Amendment Game Act

Resolved, that this Convention request the Provincial Government to amend the Game Act to allow any licensed hunter to kill one only, calf, cow, or bull moose, during the open season, to avoid loss of food sustained under the present working of the act in cases where a calf or cow moose is shot by mistake or accident.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Municipal District Assessment Roll

Whereas, the rural school districts were not furnished with the municipal districts revised assessment roll of 1928 until May of that same year, and

Whereas, this delay was the cause of considerable confusion, trouble and expense;

Be it resolved, that we request when municipal districts are re-assessed that the necessary steps be taken to ensure that the revised roll be in the hands of the school boards not later than January 1st of the year it comes into force, and

Further, that the old roll remain in force till such time as the new one is available.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Compulsory Study B. N. A. Act

Whereas, there are a great many children attending school of non-Canadian origin;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Department of Education make the study of the British North America Act in detail, compulsory in the seventh and eighth grades, and that copies of it be made available for that purpose.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Examination Fees

Whereas, the fees charged for High School examinations are excessive and work a hardship upon men with large families;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Minister of Education be requested to establish a lower charge. *Sedgewick Provincial C. A.*

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Be it resolved, that where a farmer can declare when purchasing a full barrel of gasoline that the same is to be used for agricultural purposes only, that he be charged only the price of the gasoline plus the net tax payable to the government for such use.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

Travelling Health Clinics

Whereas, the travelling health clinic now in operation in this Province is worthy of our highest praise, but as it is limited in its operations;

Therefore he it resolved, that the Government of this Province be urged to widen the scope of the travelling health clinic in order to give free annual medical examination of every child attending rural schools, as soon as possible.—*Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.*

Pure Bred Sires

Whereas, there is at present no active means whereby our Provincial Government can assist the livestock producers of this Province in securing pure bred sires, and

Whereas, this makes it difficult to constitute or to enforce pure bred sire areas;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask our Provincial Government to pass an act providing: 1st, for assisting livestock producers within the Province to secure pure bred sires or the use of pure bred sires; 2nd, for assisting livestock breeders in importing new blood from desirable herds in other countries.—*Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.*

New Rural School Act

Resolved, that we reaffirm our belief in the principle of the new Rural School Act introduced by the Hon. Perren Baker, and urge that in the interest of education it be put into operation just as soon as practicable.—*Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.*

Grading of Lumber

Whereas, the grading of farm products is governed by acts enacted by the Government, and

Whereas, the grading of lumber at mills is done by Government supervision, and

Whereas, there does not seem to be any restriction on local lumber dealers to prevent them from selling lumber of lower grades at higher grade prices;

Be it therefore resolved, that we ask the Government of Alberta to enact legislation whereby the buyers of lumber will be protected from getting a lower grade than what they pay for.—*Lethbridge Federal C. A.*

ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL

Constitutional Amendment

Resolved, that section 10, paragraph 11, of the U.F.A. Constitution be amended by deleting the word twenty and substituting therefor the word ten.—*Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.*

Junior Branch

Whereas, our Junior Organization is a most important part of our organization, and

Whereas, at the present time no funds are allocated for this important work;

Therefore be it resolved, that a certain amount of money be set aside for junior work or if funds are not available that ways and means be discussed to raise this money.—*Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.*

Uniform Fiscal Year

Whereas, the fiscal year of the U.F.A. Central Office closes on November 30th, and

Whereas, the dues from all Locals should be in that office not later than that date each year;

Therefore be it resolved, that Section 10, sub-section 5 of the Constitution of the U.F.A. be amended to provide that the fiscal year of each Local shall close on October 31st and that dues collected previous to that date should be credited for the calendar year in which they are paid regardless of time of payment.—*Lethbridge Federal C. A.*

Final Certificate and Original Grades

Resolved, that the final certificate shall specify the original grades in the mixture of wheat in order that the Wheat Pool may as nearly as possible receive from the elevator companies the original grades of Pool

wheat delivered by Pool members through private grain companies' elevators.—*Stettler Provincial C. A.*

Wheat Pool and Milling Facilities

Whereas, at the present time Pool members have to buy their flour through the ordinary channels of trade, and that flour being largely manufactured from non-pool wheat, thereby providing a market for non-pool wheat to the detriment of the Pool wheat marketed;

Therefore he it resolved, that the Wheat Pool establish flour milling facilities, first, to supply Pool members with flour at reasonable cost; second, to supply the ordinary trade.—*Pembina Provincial C. A.*

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Moose Jaw	6:55 a.m.	Regina	7:25 a.m.
Regina	7:45 a.m.	Winnipeg	12:00 noon

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Winnipeg	9:00 p.m.	Regina	11:20 p.m.
Regina	11:40 p.m.	Moose Jaw	12:10 a.m.
Moose Jaw	12:30 a.m.	Medicine Hat	2:55 a.m.
Medicine Hat	3:15 a.m.	Calgary	5:00 a.m.

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